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HC quashes govt. notification on medical seats

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Yatra completes Karnataka leg

RAICHUR
Bharat Jodo Yatra completed its Karnataka leg with a public meeting in Raichur on Saturday, having covered 500 kilometres in the State.

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Breathing life into a dead river

Sukapaika river in Odisha stopped flowing in the 1950s following a canal work. A water crisis made the villagers sit up and think of rejuvenation

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

A small river that stopped flowing 70 years ago in Odisha's Cuttack district is set to be rejuvenated. The State government has started working on its revival plan following a recent direction from the National Green Tribunal (NGT). This is probably the first serious attempt being made to restore a river to its original shape in Odisha.

The Sukapaika river originated from another river, the Mahanadi, near Ayatpur village. It flowed 27.5 km before meeting the Mahanadi again at Bankala.

In the 1950s, the State's water resource engineers had in their wisdom closed the Sukapaika river mouth enabling development of the Taladanda Canal System, a major canal of the State. This led to the river mostly drying up. The process was aggravated by agricultural encroachments that had sprung up on the riverbanks.

"Villagers realised the importance of the river when they faced a groundwater crisis a few years ago. The water table wasn't getting recharged by the Sukapaika river anymore. Agriculture was hit and the river channel turned into a garbage ground," said Swarup Rath, the main petitioner who moved the NGT in 2021 demanding rejuvenation of the river.

Missing river: Farming is done on some portions of the Sukapaika riverbed. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On September 28, the NGT's Eastern Bench directed the State government to make budgetary provision for the river's complete rejuvenation by March 2023.

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Xi set to begin third term in command, rivals forced out

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's ruling Communist Party on Saturday closed its once-in-five-year congress confirming leader Xi Jinping's precedent-defying third term, and paving the way for his domination of Chinese politics for the next five years.

As many as four allies of Mr. Xi, 69, are expected to be appointed on Sunday to the new seven-member Politburo Standing Committee (PBSC), a clean sweep made possible by the apparently forced early retirement of other officials.

The CPC congress, a usually tightly choreographed affair, concluded on Saturday with two surprises, both of which, in different ways, underlined Mr. Xi's unchallenged position at the top of the party.

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Talking point: Chinese President Xi Jinping looks on as Hu Jintao is escorted out of the party congress on Saturday. GETTY IMAGES

Former leader's exit from stage causes stir

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's party congresses are usually carefully choreographed affairs where nothing is left to chance.

This was why on Saturday, an unexpected if brief pause in the proceedings caused a stir and set tongues wagging in Beijing.

Just as reporters were ushered into the cavernous Great Hall of the People in Beijing, the frail former leader Hu Jintao, 79, sitting next to his successor Xi Jinping, appeared to be escorted off the stage where leaders sat.

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Growing tall: The cultivation of eucalyptus was once encouraged in the forests of Nilgiris for its use as pulp wood. This is no longer the case as the emphasis is now on native species of flora.

Daily routine: A worker gathers dry eucalyptus leaves from the reserve forest near Udhagamandalam. A kilogram of leaves fetches about ₹12.

Heaped up: The leaves collected are set in piles at a gathering point in the forest. A worker can collect about 30 kg to 60 kg depending upon the season.

Ready to go: The leaves are gathered in a large piece of cloth or bed sheet.

There lies the rub

The Nilgiris have been a prominent supplier of eucalyptus oil, used as an aromatic pain medication, but with the trees seen as destructive of biodiversity, this source may dry up soon

Long trek: After collecting the leaves, the women have to walk a distance ranging from 4 km to 15 km to reach the boiler sheds from the reserve forests.

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As the cold dawn breaks at Udhagamandalam in Tamil Nadu, Kavitha and Sasikala are ready for the back-breaking day ahead of them. They are the grassroots workers of the eucalyptus oil industry, which was once a thriving business but not so much now.

The friends – who have known each for 20 years now – gather dry eucalyptus leaves from Ooty's reserve forests, walking several kilometres every day to earn their livelihood. The leaves are used to extract eucalyptus oil that works as an antiseptic and is added to ointments for pain relief and decongestion.

D. Venugopal, founder of the Niligiri Documentation Centre, says, "Mr. Ambrose Perkins, who joined the Lawrence School, Lovedale, as master carpenter and instructor in 1873, was the first to extract oil from eucalyptus in the Nilgiris, at the suggestion of Surgeon General Bidie, in 1885, using a device of his own constructed in the school workshop."

In the years that followed, eucalyptus was planted widely for supply of wood. However, eucalyptus plantations came up at the expense of native flora and affected biodiversity in the region. Recently, the Madras High Court told the Tamil Nadu government not to plant any more eucalyptus in the State. It also said that invasive trees had to be removed. The future of the eucalyptus oil industry seems bleak for two more reasons: the entry of cheaper Chinese eucalyptus oil and insect infestation of trees.

But Kavitha says she will continue gathering leaves as long as she is physically fit. It helped her raise a small family. She earns about ₹12 for every kilogram of leaves that she brings to the distillery. She can collect 30 kg to 60 kg depending on the season.

She and Sasikala always go to work with a group of women to ward off wild animals such as bears, leopards and gaur in the forests.

At the distillery, the leaves are boiled and the vapour is cooled later. The oil floats on the water and is collected in containers for sale. A boiler can hold about 250 kg of leaves. The daily process of oil extraction can take about 15 hours.

V. Baskaran, who owns a distillation shed in Udhagamandalam, said, "I have been in the field since 1990. In the early days, we saw high demand for eucalyptus oil but now things have changed a lot. The Forest Department is not willing to plant new trees and due to the court order, they may remove trees. As I am not getting enough revenue from this, I have leased a piece of land and am cultivating carrots."

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Day's labour: At the boiler sheds, the leaves are ready to be weighed. The workers are paid according to the weight of the leaves they have collected.

Man and machine: Eucalyptus leaves are pushed into a boiler that has a capacity of about 250 kg.

Sealed in: A lid weighing about 40 kg is put over the boiler full of leaves. A pipe is connected from the top of the lid to a cooling tank, where the vapour condenses to give oil and water. The next process is the filtration.

Fading fragrance: As the process of making the oil comes to a close, smoke emanates from the boiler shed filling the air with the unmistakeable fragrance of the Nilgiri oil.

Slow simmer: A flame is lit under the boiler, which is connected to a cooling tank.

Ready to heal: The oil extracted after distillation is filtered and bottled. It is used as a natural cold remedy and is a common ingredient in cold and cough products.

High court quashes govt. notification reducing seats to 15% for in-service quota in PG medical courses

The decision was taken after noticing that the number of seats, earmarked at 30%, was much more than the number of in-service candidates eligible for admission this year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With this order, the process of counselling for the admission to PG courses will have to begin anew after the government takes a decision on in-service quota and comes out with a fresh seat matrix. FILE PHOTO

The High Court of Karnataka has quashed the notification issued by the State government reducing the number of seats from 30% to 15% of the total government quota seats for in-service candidates in the postgraduate medical courses for the year 2022-23.

However, the court gave liberty to the government to prescribe afresh the quota of seats for in-service candidates while taking into account relevant criteria and to fill up the seats.

The court also quashed the seat-matrix issued by the government on October 9 for admission to various PG medical courses.

Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order on October 21 while allowing the petitions filed by Swathi K.S. and others, who are serving as doctors in various primary health centres across the State under Department of Health and Family Welfare.

To start afresh

With this order, the process of counselling for the admission to PG courses will have to begin anew after the government takes a decision on in-service quota and comes out with a fresh seat matrix.

The petitioners had questioned the legality of the October 6 notification issued by the government to reduce the number of seats to 15%.

They had contended that 392 seats were available to be chosen by 86 eligible candidates last year as 30% of the total government quota seats were earmarked for service when compared to the availability of only 206 seats for the 113 eligible candidates this year.

The petitioners had questioned the legality of the October 6 notification issued by the government to reduce the number of seats to 15%.

Meanwhile, the government has contended that decision to reduce the quota of seats for in-service candidates to 15% was taken after noticing that number of seats, earmarked at 30%, was much more than the number of in-service candidates eligible for admission this year.

However, the Bench pointed out that this argument was not reflected in the minutes of meeting, held on September 29, during which the decision to reduce the seats was taken.

'Relevant criteria'

Only reason reflected in the minutes of the meeting was to make available more number of seats for non in-service quota candidates in the first round of counselling itself so that more meritorious candidates could be benefited, the Bench noted while stating this reason was not relevant for a reduction in seats.

"The relevant criteria is the number of seats as well as the number of in-service candidates who have qualified to participate in the counselling. The in-service candidate need to have a better ratio of choice," the Bench said.

A cavalier manner

The Bench observed that "the quota for in-service candidates has been reduced without assigning any cogent reasons and the decision appears to have been taken in a casual and cavalier manner. The relevant facts have not been considered by the Government while reducing the quota."

The in-service candidate needs to have a better ratio of choice. For the preceding year, the ratio of choice for in-service candidates was better at 1:5 (i.e., one candidate had at the option of choosing one out of five available seats), which has been reduced this year to virtually 1:1, the bench observed.

Leopard spotted in Brindavan Gardens, crocodile in Mysuru

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A leopard was spotted at Brindavan Gardens forcing the authorities to order its closure while a giant crocodile was sighted in a storm-water drain in the heart of Mysuru, on Saturday.

The leopard was found sauntering along the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) dam when a few workers tending to the adjoining Brindavan Gardens spotted it.

In the blink of an eye the leopard sprang to the nearby steps of the Visvesvaraya Canal and entered the gardens where it camouflaged itself in the vegetation before making a dash and raced behind the Royal Orchids Metropole Hotel.

An official in the KRS said the Forest Department was immediately alerted and senior officers reached the spot and combed the area. But since there was no sighting of the leopard's movement, they have decided to place a cage with a bait hoping that the leopard will be trapped. Though Brindavan Gardens receives thousands of visitors on a daily basis, the rush is higher during weekends and holidays, especially in the evenings.

But the leopard was spotted at around noon and there were only a handful of tourists. However, in their own interest and safety the dam authorities asked them to leave the place immediately while the ticket counters were closed making the KRS and the Brindavan Gardens out of bound for tourists for the rest of the day.

The official said they did not want to take risk with so many tourists and children around and hence closed the gardens. ''A decision to reopen the gardens will be taken only on Sunday provided there were indications of leopard movement outside the park'', the official added. So there is uncertainty whether the Brindavan Gardens will be open to the public on Sunday.

Incidentally, this is the second time that a leopard has been spotted at the KRS since the last few months. A case was placed earlier to trap it but the leopard proved elusive.

Meanwhile, a crocodile was sighted in an open drain near the JSS Hospital in Mysuru. The crocodile was described by the public as huge and was basking in the sun.

Senior forest officials and zoo authorities including veterinarians reached the spot on receiving information but by then the crocodile was out of sight.

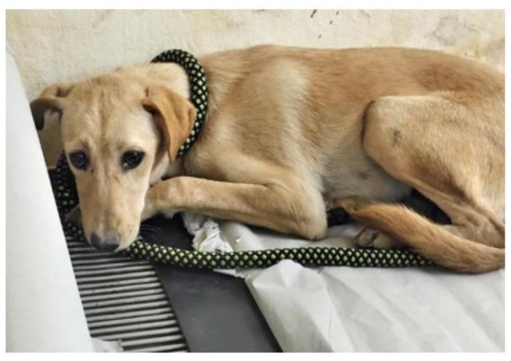
The officials have provided their contact numbers to the local people asking them to alert them in case they sight the crocodile again, said Kamala Karikalan, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Mysuru.

A crocodile was spotted in the upstream of the drain a few days ago. It is suspected to be same crocodile which was sighted again on Saturday.

INBRIEF

CCB uncovers another inter-State drug racket

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials on Saturday arrested four peddlers and recovered MDMA and marijuana worth ₹4.5 lakh from them. Based on a tip-off, a team of officials from the narcotics wing caught the accused red-handed at a park near Mico layout where they were waiting for their clients. The accused confessed that they had sourced the drugs from their contact in Kerala, said officials. The accused have been booked under the NDPS Act.



Unidentified men poison nine stray dogs; four rescued

The Hulimavu police are on the lookout for unidentified men who poisoned nine stray dogs, including a female dog and her four pups, and a kitten who died – near Shantiniketan layout in Arakere on Thursday. The activists rescued four of them (including one in the photo). They fell ill after consuming poison-laced food, and are now being treated at a veterinary hospital.

Based on the complaint by Rajkumar M.J., the police have registered a case under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act on Friday and efforts are on to track down the accused. The incident came to light when one of the dog feeders noticed that the dogs hadn't turn up. She started searching for them with the help of other animal activists to find them lying motionless inside concrete drainage pipes.

The activists suspected it was a snake-bite incident, but later found four more strays in semi-conscious state and rushed them to a veterinary hospital nearby where the doctors treated them. On Saturday, doctors performed the postmortem of the deceased animals, while the other dogs are recovering. Police are trying to ascertain the details of the suspects who are behind the poisoning of the stray.

Habitual offender found dead in house he went to burgle

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indiranagar police came across an unusual incident and recovered the body of a habitual offender who was found dead in the pooja room of the house where he went to steal valuables on Thursday.

The deceased has been identified as Dileep Bahadur, a native of Assam and a habitual burglar.

According to the police, Dileep broke into the house of Sridhar Samanthroy, a software engineer at a city-based IT firm in Indiranagar. The family had gone to Europe on a holiday for a week, and Dileep, after recceing the house, gained entry and searched the house for valuables.

Body found in pooja room

While he was inside the house, the family returned and found the front door was jammed and locked from inside. They called a man who makes keys to open the lock. Dileep, who was stuck inside the house with no option to escape, allegedly ended his life in the pooja room, the police said.

The family opened the door and found that the furniture and articles had been moved. With the help of security personnel, the family members searched the premises and opened the pooja room to find Dileep's body.

Suspicious death case

The Indiranagar police rushed to the spot and conducted a detailed investigation before shifting the body for postmortem. The deceased had a similar case pending against him in 2006 in Jeevan Bima Nagar. The police have taken up a case of suspicious death, and are further investigating the case.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Phone : 104 for help.)

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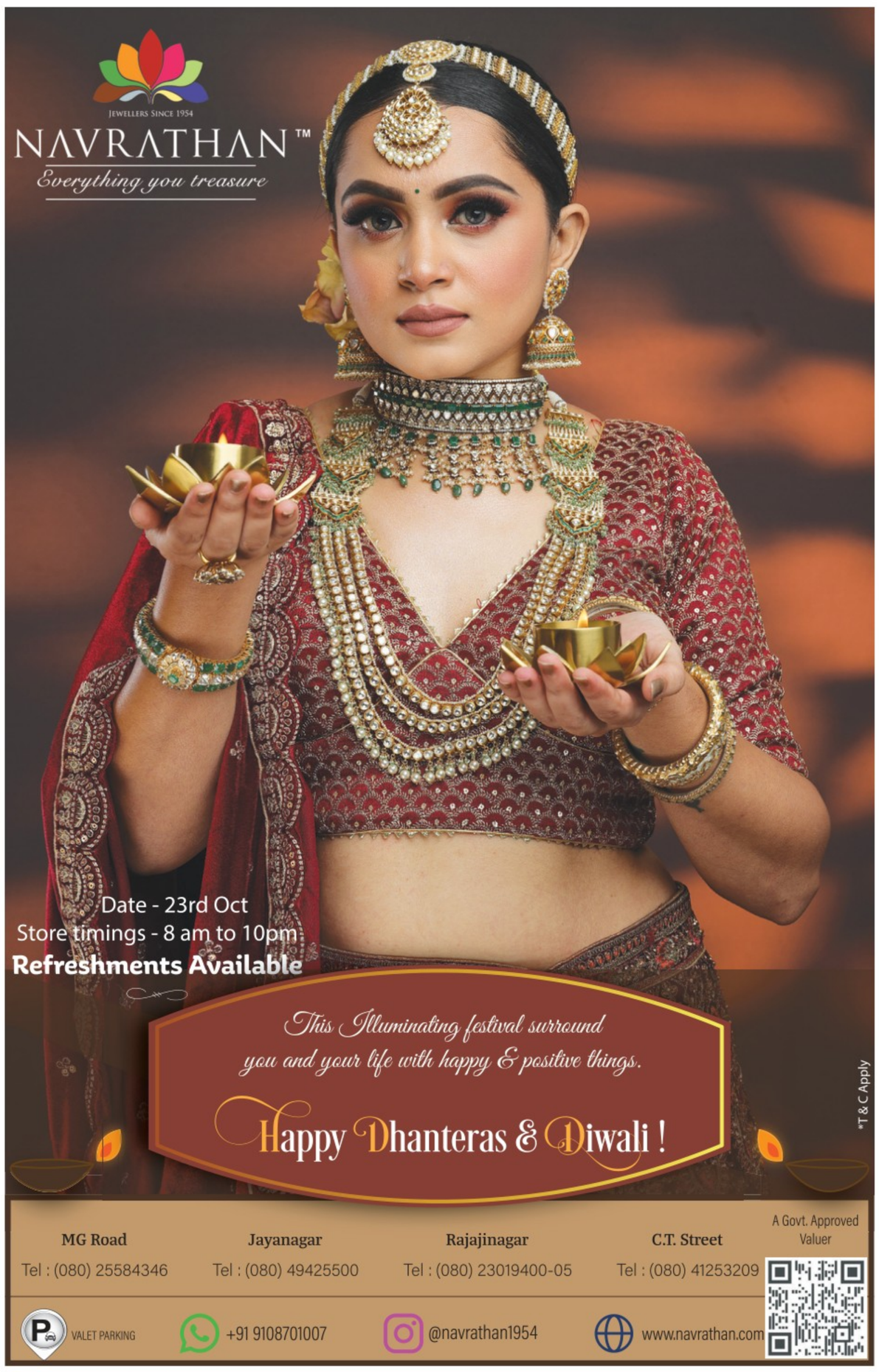

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Deepavali break reflects a new approach to workforce management

Following the pandemic, organisations have scaled new heights of empathy in their engagement with employees

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For employees of Saraf Furniture, the Deepavali break is a pleasantly drawn-out affair, accounting for 12 days. The Rajasthan-based company offers the extended paid vacation to each of its 1,500 employees spread across cities. Measures are in place to make sure this extended time-off does not inconvenience customers. The firm has titled this initiative "Reset and Recharge Policy Phase II".

Real estate developer Embassy Group generally declares nine days of holiday for Deepavali, but this year, has extended it to an 11-day break. Flexible workspace provider WeWork India also declared an extended break of 10 days for its workforce.

Ecommerce firm Meesho announced a company-wide break of 11 days. This largesse has to do with a deeper empathy organisations have developed, helped by the lessons of the pandemic.

Unlimited leave policy

Like year-end breaks offered by many multinational companies, the practice of announcing a "shutdown" during festivals is gaining ground over the last one year as employees were battling COVID-19 fatigue and burnout.

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> **ADITYA NARAYAN MISHRA**
> CEO, CIEL HR Services

A clutch of organisations have taken this empathy to soaring heights, offering "unlimited leave policy". Bengaluru-based technology startup Log9 has an 'Infinite-Leave' policy that enables its associates to take as many leaves as they want, whenever and however they want, throughout the year.

Meesho introduced an unlimited leave policy that enables employees to avail up to 365 days of paid leave. The policy is applicable if an employee or their loved one is impacted by a critical illness, says a communication from the company.

Aditya Narayan Mishra, CEO, CIEL HR Services, says there is a growing realisation, especially after COVID-19, among companies that they need to adopt a flexible approach to managing their workforce. However, offering employees such extended breaks depends on the nature of the business and how well they have adapted to various situations, he says.

Weekend ahead of festival witnesses surge in tourist activities

Tourists and wildlife enthusiasts go on a jungle safari at Nagarahole National Park. K. MURALI KUMAR

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Deepavali is just around the corner and people are keen on making the most of this weekend holidays. Tourism is seeing a surge with some looking to go home for the festival, while others are planning to explore various tourist destinations. The demand has been so much that local tour operators are struggling to arrange for resources for those who are booking trips.

"Business is booming this Deepavali. We are seeing a lot of tourists from the northern part of the country. The tourists are preferring to travel to the Mysuru - Kodagu, and Mysuru - Ooty - Kodaikanal belts mostly. However, we are facing a shortage of vehicles now as some of them had to be sold during the pandemic," said a tour operator from Vidyaranyapura.

Another tour operator in Matthikere mentioned that there is a shortage of drivers as well as some resigned from their jobs and went back home during the last two years.

Increase in demand this year

"We had not expected this much of a bounce back in tourism. Now we have to start hiring again," he said.

According to the trends revealed by OYO, a hospitality technology company, there is a 32% increase in demand this year in Deepavali bookings when compared with last year.

It also said that Bengaluru was the second most popular destination in the country this season, registering 58% more demand that last year. Data from Thomas Cook (India) Limited also said that there was a three-time increase in demand for this year's Deepavali bookings when compared to last year.

SWR converts Rajya Rani Express into superfast train

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MYSURU

The South Western Railway has converted Train No. 16557/16558 Rajya Rani Express running between Mysuru and KSR Bengaluru into a superfast train with effect from October 26. Train No. 16023/16024 Malgudi Express which operates between the two cities is also being converted to a superfast train.

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INBRIEF

Two labourers killed in drunken brawl

A 35-year-old construction labourer was allegedly bludgeoned to death by his colleague over a drunken brawl that broke out at an under-construction house they were staying in at Yelachenahalli on Friday night . The deceased has been identified as Mukesh, a native of Bihar and a tiles worker. According to the police, Mukesh was staying with his colleague Nikhil at the under construction house near Kashinagar circle. According to the police, the duo got drunk and had a fight over a trivial row. In the melee, Nikhil bludgeoned Mukesh and fled.

The incident came to light when other workers came to work on Saturday morning and found him lying in a pool of blood. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where the doctors declared him as brought dead. The KS Layout police have taken up a case and are looking out for Nikhil .

PM has fulfilled promise on employment: Shobha

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje has said that by assuring jobs to 10 lakh youth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had fulfilled the promise he had made during the last election.

Inaugurating a programme organised at Hubballi Railway Station on Saturday to mark the initiation of issuing appointment orders to 75,000 youths by the Prime Minister, Ms. Karandlaje said Mr. Modi had initiated the process of issuing appointment orders to 75,000 youth at 50 centres. "In the next one year, the government will create 10 lakh jobs for the youth in the departments of Railways, Posts, and Defence. Modiji just doesn't make speeches but implements them," she said.

'Corruption root cause of low quality road works, leading to potholes'

Poor quality of raw materials and unscientific work in laying roads are among the reasons for roads being pockmarked by potholes with every brief spell of rain, say experts. Never have civic officials conducted inspection of the bitumen plants to check for quality of raw materials, says councillor

PERILOUS PITS

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in September 2021 had said that ₹20,000 crore had been spent on city roads over the previous five years. Chief civic commissioner Tushar Giri Nath recently said the civic body closes an average of 30,000 potholes every year spending around ₹30 crore, an underestimate, as per sources in the civic body. The sad reality of the city roads is that the two statements don't seem to be a paradox anymore.

Poor quality of raw materials and unscientific work in laying roads are at the root cause of roads being pockmarked by potholes with every brief spell of rains, experts and those part of the civic body said.

"The root of the problem is low quality raw materials. For instance, we need to use an emulsion for the bitumen to stick to the layer of the road well. But in the city, most contractors use kerosene, which comes at a fraction of the emulsion price. The quality of the bitumen is also lower, contrary to tender specifications. So the bitumen layer is loose and vulnerable to develop potholes," explained a former city BJP councillor N.R. Ramesh, an engineer himself. He said never have the civic officials conducted inspection of the bitumen plants by contractors to check for quality of raw materials.

Vehicles passing through pothole-ridden Main Guard Cross road-Dispensary road junction, near Safina Plaza, behind Commercial Street in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The third party inspection mechanism introduced to check this issue has also been severely compromised in the city, says Srikanth Channal, Chairman, Association of Consulting Civil Engineers, Bengaluru. "Presently, the same officials award contracts and get third party audit reports of their quality. The low quality of work and corruption is thus buried. Ideally, the third party audit has to report to the Urban Development Department directly," he suggests. But, at the root of low quality work is evidently corruption. Ambikapathy, President, BBMP Contractors' Association, said kickbacks for road work contracts has always been a reality and they had been protesting for the past one year over demands for these kickbacks reaching unprecedented 40% levels. "If a contractor is forced to pay such huge kickbacks and then he has to make some profit for himself, what remains to carry out the works is less than half of the tendered amount and in that the quality of works will obviously be hit," he said, adding despite their open protests over the last one year, corruption had not reduced. "In fact, with assembly elections fast approaching, we only expect the demands to only go up," he said.

There are other issues as well: in most cases, the temperature at which the asphalting needs to be done (110-140 degrees) is not maintained and roads are not laid following Ministry of Road Transport and Highway norms. A senior traffic police official said the road engineering was not in speed to avoid water logging of roads. "In fact, work of closing potholes disrupts the road topography even further, causing potholes to reappear at the same spot."

Mr. Ramesh said Tamil Nadu and many national highways had experimented with using plastic polymers with asphalt which have endured rains better without potholes and it was high time the city also adapted the technology.

We should go back to true literature, says Bhyrappa at Hoysala Sahityotsava

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

Novelist S.L. Bhyrappa inaugurating the two-day Hoysala Sahityotsava in Hassan on Saturday. PRAKASH HASSAN

The number of teachers teaching 'true literature' has come down in universities as they are all confined to different theories, opined novelist S.L. Bhyrappa.

Speaking after inaugurating a two-day Hoysala Sahityotsava in Hassan on Saturday, he said the history of literature goes back to the Vedas. "Vedas are the first texts of literature. Upanishads are full of stories, which deal with values. And, the essence of literature is to explore values", he said. "Literature can analyse the changes in our lives and values, understand them and make others understand the same. Literatue cannot do anything more than this", he said.

Poverty alleviation

The teachers in universities speak of rebellion or casteism while teaching literature.

"Literature cannot eradicate poverty. To alleviate poverty industrialisation is necessary," he said. Stressing the need for returning to true literature, he said, "We should go back to Kavya Meemamse (poetics). The writing should include rasa, dhwani and ouchitya. The true readers are aware of all this. They cannot be misled", he said.

Pradhan Gurudutt presided over the inaugural ceremony. Hassan MLA Preetham Gowda, poet B.R. Lakshmana Rao, writer Jogi, Kannada Sahitya Parishat president Mahesh Joshi, Parishat's Hassan unit president H.L. Mallesh Gowda and others were present.

Writers, poets, critics from different parts of the State are taking part in the programme.

Pothole woes: No action yet against officials for deaths due to negligence

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following the death of a woman while allegedly trying to navigate a bad stretch of road, there has been a chorus to hold civic officials responsible. A similar demand was made during the recent encroachment clearance drives - to hold officials who let these encroachments accountable. There have been several attempts to do so, but they have only fizzled out in the end.

In fact, in 2021, National Crime Records Bureau data shows Bengaluru recorded the highest number of deaths due to negligence of civic bodies - 31, among all megacities of the country, followed by Delhi that recorded 21 such cases. These include cases against agencies like BBMP, Bescom, BWSSB in cases of deaths due to potholes, electrocution, tree fall and other mishaps in the city. In 2016-17, over 20 cases were registered against officials under whose watch encroachments of lakes and storm water drains happened, causing floods.

While Bengaluru is leading in holding civic agencies accountable and booking cases against them, the story later provides no relief.

A senior police official who has overseen several such cases in the last two years said, not in a single case has any civic official faced a conviction.

"Even charge sheeting is such a big challenge in such cases. The particular civic agency doesn't cooperate and protects concerned officials, even our officers being part of the same system are sympathetic to their counterparts except in extreme cases. Moreover, in my experience even if we want to, the state government usually delays inordinately to give sanction for prosecution against any officials to prosecute them for negligence, essentially killing these cases," a senior police official said.

Piyush Tiwari, Founder of Save Life Foundation, working on road safety, said that an analysis of over a 1000 accident investigations from across the country by SLF showed that there was no forensic investigation of road crashes by agencies in the country.

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1	Sub Work - 1:- Ballari-Rayadurg Section :- Construction of Road Over Bridge (1X15M+1X30M+1X15M) at railway Km 7/780 (NHAI Km 344+705.3). Ballari - Obalapuram Station on NH-63 is connecting with 4/6 laning of Hosapate to Ballari Section of NH-63 deposit work for NHAI (Telecom Portion) **Sub Work-II**-Ballari-Karnataka/AP border from Km 280.080 (Design Ch) to Km 375.450 (Design Ch) design length 95.370, NH-63 in the State of Karnataka on EPC Mode Shifting of Signal & Telecommunication, OFC cable and OHE modification for Road Over Bridge at Ch 289+385 (Railway Km 151/908 between Kariganuru - Papinayakanahalli Section) Reg (Telecom portion).	Rs. 6,41,952.28
2	Augmentation of OFC connectivity at Critical Locations of Hubballi Division.	Rs. 79,58,638.39
3	Annual Maintenance Contract of Zonal HQ Exchange Hipath-4000-IP-EPABX at Hubballi for Two Years.	Rs. 3,89,417.12
4	Comprehensive Annual maintenance contract of Hubballi main ISDN Tadiran Telecom-coral flexicom 6000 Exchange for 900 ports for a period of One Year.	Rs. 5,01,500.00
5	AMC of M/s Eldyne Electro-System Pvt Ltd., Multi Section Digital Axle counter installed at Ranjitpura Station over Hubballi Division for a period of One Year.	Rs. 6,33,596.40
6	Repairs of SMR Modules of 48V DC Charger of OFC equipments make Amara Raja and Statcon.	Rs. 13,60,486.90

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Item of work	Approx. Value
Manufacture and supply of Elastic Rail Clips Mark-III to RDSO Drg. No. T-3701 (Latest Amendment/CS) and conforming to IRS specification T 31-2021.	Rs. 3,41,30,000/-

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Notification No. 565/STBA/10/2022
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Ahead of investment meet, govt. clears ₹1.74 lakh cr. proposals

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of the Global Investors' Summit next month, the State High-Level Clearance Committee (SHLCC) headed by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday approved investment proposals worth ₹1.74 lakh crore promising to generate more than 41,000 jobs, mostly in clean energy.

The biggest approval was a 4.95 GW solar power project proposed by Guru-gram-based ACME Clean-tech Solutions with an investment of ₹ 51,865 crore to create 3,700 jobs in Tumakuru and other districts, according to sources. Mumbai-based Avaada Ventures got an approval for its 2,000 MW solar/ wind power project worth ₹45,000 crore , which is expected to create 14,000 jobs. JSW Green Hydrogen Ltd will invest ₹14,148 crore on energy storage systems at Ballari, Chitradurga and Vijayanagara districts that would provide 841 jobs. Also, the JSW Neo Energy, a subsidiary of JSW Energy, will invest ₹2,579 crore to create 279 jobs at Ballari.

Sources said Mangaluru would get a green hydrogen project worth ₹20,000 crore giving 2,000 jobs by Renew E-Fuels, another Gurugram-based firm.

Bengaluru-based Atria Power Holdings has proposed setting up 100 electric vehicle charging stations along highways.

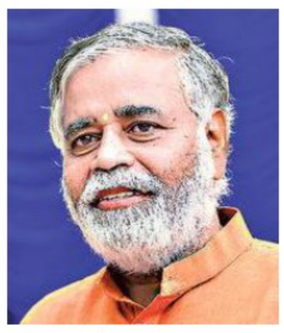
Kirloskar Ferrous wants to set up an integrated steel plant at Kanakapura and Koppal worth ₹3,025 crore providing 11,554 jobs. At Attibele, Continental Automotive will set up an auto components and research unit with an investment of ₹920 crore. Toyota Kirloskar will invest ₹511 crore for a passenger car and hybrid unit at Bidadi.

Circular authorising SDMCs of govt. schools to collect ₹100 donation from parents withdrawn

It was issued by the Department of Public Instruction on October 19 and taken back on the directions of Minister B.C. Nagesh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

Following outrage from political Opposition and student organisations, the Karnataka government on Saturday withdrew its earlier circular that authorised School Development and Monitoring Committees (SDMCs) of government schools to collect a donation of ₹100 from parents every month to pay guest teachers and develop school infrastructure.


B.C. Nagesh

The circular issued by The Department of Public Instruction on October 19 was withdrawn on Saturday on the directions of Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh, the order copy said.

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah had earlier demanded immediate withdrawal of the circular, and tweeted: "BJP government has now targeted poor students of government schools. After looting 40% commission from govt. coffers, they now want to loot the parents too. Our government gave milk, cooked meals, uniform and shoes, Vidyasiri and hostel facilities to the students. This BJP government took all these back one by one and now wants to take their money also."

Former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy too termed the decision "shameful" and said it only showed the bankruptcy of the BJP government. "There aren't enough facilities at government schools and how can the government go seeking donations from parents?" he questioned.

Mr. Nagesh, in a fire-fighting mode, spoke to media persons earlier in the day in Mysuru, and said that the donations were "strictly voluntary" and nobody can be compelled to pay up.

He said the order was issued by the Commissioner of Public Instruction under the Right to Education Act, 2009. He said there was an upper limit of ₹100 set by the Act and the members of SDMC of the local schools, who happen to be the parents of students studying in such institutions, decide as to how best it can be utilized to ramp up the infrastructure.

He attacked Mr. Siddaramaiah for his opposition to the circular saying it was only part of the RTE Act, 2009, which was enacted by the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) and Mr. Siddaramaiah was reacting without comprehending the issue. However, by evening the Minister issued directions to the Department of Public Instructions, which withdrew the October 19 circular.

Upper Bhadra scheme will be State's first national project: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that Upper Bhadra scheme will become the State's first national project.

Talking to reporters before leaving for Hosadurga function on Saturday, he said this scheme has got the approval of the PIB and Union Jal Shakti Minister has been requested to get it passed in the Union Cabinet. Once the approval comes through, the grants will come to start the works. "All efforts are being done in this regard. The Upper Bhadra will become the State's national project," he said.

The Chief Minister also said Tumakuru-Davangere railway line has been reviewed and directions issued to acquire land for the project. Once this is done, then steps will be taken to start the project. Funds will be released, he said.

I will only contest from Channapatna: Kumaraswamy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Chief Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy has said that he will contest from only Channapatna and no plans of contesting from two constituencies.

Speaking after inaugurating minorities cell of the party at Channapatna, he said that though there is pressure on him to contest from various other constituencies, he would only contest from here.

Taking on BJP leader and MLC Yogeshwar, Mr. Kumaraswamy said he had "sullied" the constituency and it needed cleaning up.

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Ref: No. ME/2022-23/IND: Date: 21-10-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under signed invites e-tender notification in two Bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal GOK, for the supply of Medical Equipments. Applications can be down loaded from **22-10-2022,** last date for up load is **22-11-2022,** for more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned.

e-mail: directormckodagu@gmail.com

Sd/- Director and Dean
Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences
Madikeri - 571201

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Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.NRBC.Divn.No.4,
Chikkahonnakuni,Tq: Devadurga. Dist: Raichur-584 111. KARNATAKA.

No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-4/PB-1/Tank filling /TND//2022-23/611 DATED: 21-10-2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC Division No-4, Chikkahonnakuni invites RFD tender from firms/companies who fulfill the pre-qualification criteria for the following work as detailed below in Two cover system as per rule 28 of KTPP act may/shall be followed. The tenderers are required to submit in Two covers, containing EMD and the details of their capability to undertake the tender as detailed in Instruction to Tenderers Clause 1.10 and containing financial bid details of tender as per clause 2.10 containing the price bid which will be opened only if the tenderer is found qualified to execute the tendered work. The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 1 & 2 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for the award of the work. (The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and submitted through electronic tender box)

1) NAME OF WORK:- Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning for Construction of Civil and Electro Mechanical works for Filling up of 14 Tanks in Devadurga Taluka of Raichur District by Lifting Water from Krishna River for Drinking Water and Ground Water Recharge consisting of the following components, Construction of Intake Trough, Jack well cum Pump house Vertical Turbine pumps coupled to HT Motor, Electrical Panel Soft Starter, Capacitor 110 KV Power Transformers, 110/6.6 KV Sub-station, 110 KV Power Line and 110 KV terminal bay MS Raising main, Pressure Distribution network and independent Lift consisting of construction of intake trough, jack well cum pump house, submersible pumps, Soft starter, Capacitor 11 KV Power Transformers, 11/0.433 KV Sub-Station, 11 KV Power Line and 11 KV Terminal Bay, M.S. Raising main, Supply of spare parts and Tools including requisite man power for O & M of the system covered under the scope for 5 years from the date of completion for 14 Tanks filling scheme on Turn-Key basis (Phase-I) (Indent No.23107)

2. **Amount put to Tender: - Rs. 18855.00 Lakhs.**
3. **EMD:- Rs. 222.00 Lakhs. (Transaction fee As per E-procurement Portal.).**
4. **Period: 18 months (including monsoon).**

The details of events for the above works as per the notification are mentioned as below:-

1) The Contractors can have access to e-tendering documents from **21/10/2022 to 07/11/2022** from **10.00Am to 5.00 PM.**
2)Last Date of Receipt of the above Tenders is **07/11/2022 up to 5.00 PM.**
3)Pre-bid meeting will be conducted on **31/10/2022** in the o/o the Chief Engineer, KBJNL, Canal Zone No.1, Bheemarayanagudi @ 11.30 AM.
4)Cover-1 (Technical Bid) will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Division No.4, Chikkahonakuni on 09/11/2022 @ 11.00 AM.
5)Cover-2 (Financial Bid) will be opened Electronically (Only selected in Technical Bid) in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Division No.4, Chikkahonakuni on **16/11/2022 @ 11.00 AM.**

For any information or clarification regarding conditions for the tenders please Contact www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the under signed during office hours on working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
NRBC, Division No.4, CHIKKAHONNAKUNI-584111.

DIP/Raichur/379/MC&A/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby notified that we are scrutinizing the below mentioned Schedule Property for our clients, who intends to enter into an agreement with below mentioned land owners with respect to Schedule Property. Persons having any right or claim in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Ten days from the date of this publication. Any Objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and we will advise our clients that no objections or claims were received with respect to the Schedule Property and he may proceed to with the transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that undeveloped converted lands at Seegehalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore detailed below:-

LAND OWNER	SY.NO.	EXTENT	BOUNDARIES
Sri. MOHAN REDDY	22/2	1 Acre 9 Guntas	**East:** Property in Sy.No.22/6, 7, 8, 9; **West:** Property in Sy.No.22/1, 3; **North:** Property in Sy.No.11; and **South:** Road and Property in Sy.No.22/3, 4.
Sri. M. PRASAD	22/3	2 Acres 35 Guntas & 4 Guntas Kharab	**East:** Property in Sy.No.22/2; **West:** Property in Sy.No.22/1; **North:** Property in Sy.No.22/2; and **South:** Road and Property in Sy.No.22/4.
Sri.PRABHAKAR	22/4	2 Acres 31 Guntas & 5 Guntas Kharab	**East:** Road and Property in Sy.No.22/5; **West:** Property in Sy.No.22/1; **North:** Property in Sy.No.22/2 & 3; **South:** Village Boundary of Kodigehalli.
Smt. DHANALAKSHMI alias DHANAMMA	22/5	1 Acre	**East:** Road and Village boundary of Sonnenahalli; **West:** Road and Property in Sy.No.22/4; **North:** Property in Sy.No.22/6; and **South:** Village Boundary of Kodigehalli.
Smt. M. GIRIJAMMA	22/6	1 Acre	**East:** Road and Village boundary of Sonnenahalli; **West:** Property in Sy.No.22/2; **North:** Property in Sy.No.22/7; and **South:** Property in Sy.No.22/5;
Smt. M. MEENAKSHI	22/7	1 Acre 1 Gunta	**East:** Road and Village boundary of Sonnenahalli; **West:** Property in Sy.No.22/2; **North:** Property in Sy.No.22/8; and **South:** Property in Sy.No.22/6.
Smt. M. VIDYA	22/8	1 Acre 4 Guntas	**East:** Road and Village boundary of Sonnenahalli; **West:** Property in Sy.No.22/2; **North:** Property in Sy.No.22/9; and **South:** Property in Sy.No.22/7.
Smt. M. JANAKAMMA	22/9	1 Acre	**East:** Road and Village boundary of Sonnenahalli; **West:** Property in Sy.No.22/2; **North:** Property in Sy.No.11; and **South:** Property in Sy.No.22/8.

Sd/-, YASEEN BABU, K. M. LEGAL ADVOCATES,
No.1C, 'WILOCRISA', # 14, Rest House Crescent Road, Bengaluru-560 001.
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Bengaluru,
Date: 22-10-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Mr.JASWANTH, intends to purchase the 'Schedule Property" from its present owners i.e., Smt. Indira and her daughter Smt. Geetha (being legal hereis of late Nagendra.S) Any person/s, Company, Firm or Institutions, Private or Government Authority, Individual Person/s or relatives, any General Public, whomsoever claiming to have any right, title or interest in the schedule property or any part thereof, or objecting to such sale in favour of my client, should lodge their objections in writing with all supporting documentary evidence to the undersigned within 7 days from this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale formalities on the basis that there are no encumbrances, claims, lien or charges etc whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing vacant site No,478, CMC khata No.428/63/1-478 of "PENN FIELD GARDENS" situated at Sriramapura village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP ward No.5-Jakkur, having PID No. 428/63/1-478, measuring Eastren side 42.6 ft and Westren side 30.7 ft and Norther side 60 ft and Southern side 60.9 ft in all measuring 2206.1 sq.ft together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:

On or towards East : Site No.477;
On or towards West : Road;
On or towards North : Site No.479;
On or towards South : Private property;
Together with all easem ent rights, water soureses and right of access, etc.

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Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority
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No. ಶಿಭನಪ್ರಾ/ತಾಂ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/05/2022-23 Date :20-10-2022

e-Procurement Tender Notification

Item-war Tenders are invited from the undersigned as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999-2000 and Rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Document KW-2 and 3 Rules from the eligible civil contractors registered in Public Works Department and enrolled in e-procurement portal. Eligible contractors shall participate in tenders through e-portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Tenderers are advised to note the eligibility criteria specified in Cl 3 of the instruction to tenderers.

Details of Tender works

Sl. No	Name of works	Indent No.	Amount put to tender in Rs	EMD amount (in Rs)	Standard Tender Bid	Time for completion of works
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	FUND-V Development Fund-1					
1	Improvement works of main and cross roads of AtalBehari Vajpayee residential layouts, B-Block under Shivamogga Urban Development Authority.	**209**	**84,48,357.00**	**1,69,000.00**	**KW-3 (Two Cover)**	**6 months (excluding rainy season)**
2	Improvement works of main and cross roads of AtalBehari Vajpayee residential layouts, C-Block under Shivamogga Urban Development Authority.	**210**	**84,72,035.00**	**1,70,000.00**	**KW-3 (Two Cover)**	**6 months (excluding rainy season)**
3	Improvement works of main and cross roads of AtalBehari Vajpayee residential layouts, D-Block under Shivamogga Urban Development Authority.	**211**	**82,72,432.00**	**1,66,000.00**	**KW-3 (Two Cover)**	**6 months (excluding rainy season)**
4	Improvement works of main and cross roads of AtalBehari Vajpayee residential layouts, E-Block under Shivamogga Urban Development Authority.	**212**	**83,21,954.00**	**1,67,000.00**	**KW-3 (Two Cover)**	**6 months (excluding rainy season)**
5	Improvement works of main roads of KuvempuBadavane, E-Block under Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority.	**218**	**33,73,554.00**	**68,000.00**	**KW-2**	**6 months (excluding rainy season)**
6	Improvement works of Park (Water Tank) of AtalBehari Vajpayee residential layouts, B-Block under Shivamogga- Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority.	**219**	**75,69,516.00**	**1,52,000.00**	**KW-3 (Two Cover)**	**6 months (excluding rainy season)**
	FUND-VI Development Fund-2					
7	Improvement works of approach road connecting-Savalanga Road to Kuvempu Nagar in the limits of Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development's local project area.	**220**	**50,49,471.00**	**1,01,000.00**	**KW-3 (Two Cover)**	**6 months (excluding rainy season)**

The scheduled dates as per e-procurement system are as follows. If one of the dates are happen to be a general holiday, the next working day will be considered.

Details	Dates
1. Last date for tender Queries/Clarifications	**10-11-2022 Up to 17.00 hrs**
2. Last date for receipt of tender	**15-11-2022 Up to 17.00 hrs**
3. Date of opening of Technical bid	**17-11-2022 at 11.00 hrs**
4. Date of opening of Financial bid (S.No.5)	**17-11-2022 at 11.00 hrs**
5. Date of opening of Financial bid (S.No.1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7)	**19-11-2022 at 11.00 hrs**

For more details regarding e-procurement, contact e-procurement helpdesk No. 080-25501216

Sd/- (Kotresh.H, K.A.S)
Commissioner
Shivamogga-Bhadravathi
Urban Development Authority Shivamogga

Sd/- (N G Nagaraj)
President,
Shivamogga-Bhadravathi
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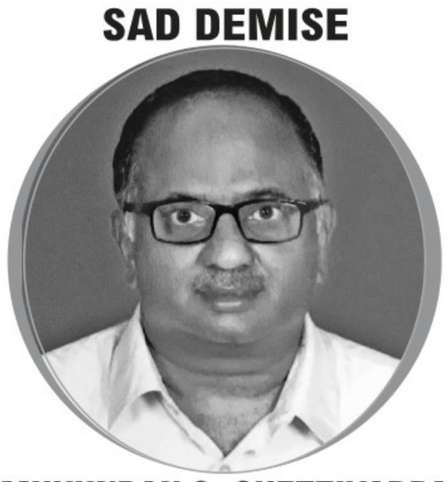

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Quota hike: Inclusion in 9th Schedule is key, say officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

State government intends to hike the reservation for SCs from 15% to 17% and for STs from 3% to 7%

The State government's decision to take the Ordinance route to enhance reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, while being welcomed, is also being viewed with caution as it is likely to be challenged in the courts, and could end up being a time-consuming process.

The State government intends to hike the reservation for SCs from 15% to 17% and reservation for STs from 3% to 7%.

While Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had announced that the government was keen to have it inserted in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy did not specifically mention this in his post-Cabinet briefing on Thursday. Multiple calls to elicit clarification on the issue from Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary went unanswered.

Senior government officials belonging to SC/ST communities believe that the law, unless it is in 9th Schedule, would face legal challenges as the 1992 Supreme Court judgment in the Indra Sawhney case has capped reservation to 50%. "Anything less than it being in 9th schedule on the lines of reservation in Tamil Nadu is fraught with danger and this decision could end up being just an eye wash," a senior official told *The Hindu*. "This process is going to be time-consuming and could take months."

In fact, the government changed its earlier decision on issuing a notification and instead took the Ordinance route after it was felt that an executive decision – as initially thought – was not enough and could end up in trouble if questioned in court.

Multiple stages

The process of inclusion in the 9th Schedule, multiple government sources agreed, is quite time consuming as once the State government's proposal is made, the Union government seeks opinion from Law Ministry, Department of Personnel and Training, SC and ST Commissions before it is vetted by the Ministry of Home Affairs. After the process is completed, the matter comes up before the Union Cabinet and then piloted in Parliament.

Admitting that the process is time consuming, sources in the Chief Minister's Office said the State government is keen on sending the proposal to the Centre irrespective of the legal hurdles it may face. CMO sources cautioned that Karnataka's proposal could result in other States sending similar proposals.

'Congress, Kharge fought all odds to get special status to KK region'

Party leader Rahul Gandhi, who is leading Bharat Jodo Yatra, thanked the people of State for their support through the 500-km stretch walk; yatra completes Karnataka leg with meeting in Raichur

Kumar Buradikatti
RAICHUR

Bharat Jodo Yatra, which had entered Karnataka through Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district on September 30, completed its Karnataka leg with a public meeting in Raichur city on Saturday, having covered 500 kilometres in the State.

"It is the last day of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Karnataka and we have walked over 500 km in the State. Heavy rain, hot sun, and harsh winds could not stop our yatra. I am overwhelmed by the support and love you showed on the yatra," Mr. Gandhi said at the public meeting.

The yatra moved to Andhra Pradesh for a few days before again entering to Karnataka via the steel bridge built across the Tungabhadra in Raichur district on Friday. Actor and Congress leader Ramya joined the yatra for the first time at Raichur.

In his address, Mr. Gandhi congratulated the people of Kalyana Karnataka for the election of Mallikarjun Kharge, who hails from the region, to the post of AICC president. Mr. Gandhi recalled how Mr. Kharge and the Congress fought all the odds to amend the Constitution to insert Article 371(J) and offer a Special Status to the region.

"When the BJP was in power, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani refused to accept the long pending demand for Article 371 (J). But, the Congress fulfilled it. Because of the monumental achievement, the region has got over 40,000 government jobs, lakhs of medical and engineering seats, and ₹10,000 special grants for infrastructure development. The sad thing is that the current BJP government is not implementing the Article 371 (J). There are still 60,000 jobs that the people of the region should get," Mr. Gandhi said, adding that they will come the way of people once the party comes to power.

Mr. Gandhi continued to attack the BJP and the RSS for "spreading hate and violence" among the people. He hailed 12th Century poet Basaveshwara and the architect of Indian Constitution Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by stating that the thoughts of the two were the inspiration for the yatra.

Actor Ramya joins Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, D.K. Shivakumar, and Siddaramaiah during the yatra in Raichur on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Priyanka disappoints fans

The Hindu Bureau
RAICHUR

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, AICC general secretary and sister of Mr. Gandhi, who was scheduled to join the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Raichur on Saturday, did not turn up, disappointing her fans in the region.

Hoardings, banners, and cutouts were put all over the city, especially on the route of the yatra, welcoming Ms. Priyanka. None of the Congress leaders, including Mr. Gandhi, said anything about the reasons for the cancellation of her trip to Raichur at the eleventh hour.

In support of farmers, Shivakumar dons green T-shirt

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

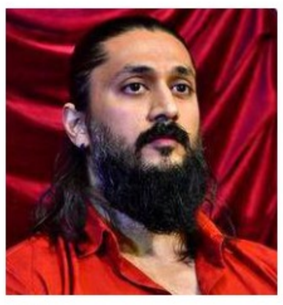
"If farmer wins, the country wins," was the message on the T-shirt of the KPCC president

After wearing a red T-shirt flagging unemployment issues, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar participated in the yatra along with party leader Rahul Gandhi in Raichur on Saturday wearing a green T-shirt to highlight the plight of farmers.

"If farmer wins, the country wins," was the message on his T-shirt. "The BJP government has been unjust to them by doing nothing more than lip service to increase farmers' income. Our agriculture economy is in shambles," he said and accused the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP government of promoting the interests of contractors over farmers. He lent his support to farmers' union demanding an organised market to enable them to sell their produce at stipulated prices.

Increased allocation

The KPCC chief vowed to increase the allocation of resources if the Congress comes to power after the Assembly elections next year.



Chetan

Complaint against actor Chetan for remarks on *Kantara*

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Seshadripuram police on Saturday registered an FIR against Kannada actor Chetan for his statement on *Kantara* movie, which, according to the complaint, is insulting and allegedly hurt the sentiments of a community.

Based on the complaint by one Shivakumar, from Shankarapuram, the police have booked Mr. Chetan under Section 505 (2) of IPC. The police said that they will summon Mr. Chetan for questioning for further investigation.

Mr. Shivakumar, in his complaint, alleged that Mr. Chetan's statement would offend and hurt religious sentiments and provoke communal tension. This is the second time Mr. Chetan is facing criminal charges this year.

In February, Mr. Chetan was arrested during the hijab row in Karnataka allegedly for his objectionable tweets against a High Court judge involved in the trial.

Mr. Chetan had argued on social media platforms that the spirit worship (Bhootaradhane) tradition of coastal Karnataka, around which the film revolves, cannot be deemed part of Hindu culture.

Government Of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri
Tel. No: 08375-232454

No.EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-2/Tender/2022-23/3964 Date: 20-10-2022

E-Procurement Tender Notification No:32/2022-23 (1st Call)

The Panchayat Raj Engineering Department through Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri on of Governor of Karnataka invites the E-Portal Tender as per KW-3 & KW-4 from the eligible and approved Class-1 Contractors registered in PWD. and registered for e-Procurement for the following works, including their Defect liabilities Period for one year Different schemes. Details can also be obtained in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
(1) Siddapur Kabbur Road **(Indent No. 91745) (2)** Gudihonnatti-Hosahonnatti road **(Indent No. 91744) (3)** Hale Byadagi road Chimmaker's field to Guddappa Malagi's field **(Indent No. 95057)**

(1). Last date for Receipt of completed tender documents through online : **03-11-2022 up to 4.00** PM
(2). Date of technical bid opening (if possible) : **04-11-2022 @ 05.00 PM** (For sl.no.3)
(3) Date of Financial bid opening (if possible): **07-11-2022 @ 11.00 AM** (For sl.no.1, 2)
More details can also be taken from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also through the E-portal website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all departments.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Haveri

DIPR/HAVERI/326/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Government of Karnataka-Zilla Panchayat, Shivamogga
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No.: DHFWS/CV(7)CR/1/2022-23 Date: 20.10.2022

Short-Term e-Tender Notice

Short-Term e-Tender is invited in two document submission system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999, Rules 2000 for purchase of Medical Equipment Kit for all Gram Panchayat coming under Shivamogga District for the year 2022-23 under Gram Panchayat Arogya Amrit Abhiyan Scheme. Interested Tenderers are requested to participate.

Sl.No. 1. NotificationNo.:DHFWS/ Purchase/01/22-23
Details of the tender invited: purchase of Medical Equipment Kit for all Gram Panchayat coming under Shivamogga District **Time Period:** From 20.10.2022to 10.11.2022 **TenderAmount:** Rs. 76.80 lakhs **Remarks:** E.M.D. Amount: Rs. 1,57,200/-

For further details contact Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga, during office hours or visit www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.116/10/mca/22-23/1149

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru
Short-Term Tender Notification No.: 28/22-23 Date: 20.10.2022

In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited from eligible contractors for total 13 works (through e-proc for 12 works and through manual for 1 work) coming under Chikkamagaluru, Mudigere, Koppa and Kadur Taluk Public Works Department sub divisions of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2, 3 & 4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 2.25 lakhs and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs. 200.00 lakhs. For the Tender called through manual for 1 work eligible contractors should pay the prescribed fee and submit application requesting blank Tender Form on 28.10.2022 and obtain blank Tender Form on 02.11.2022 and submit filled Tenders on 03.11.2022 up to 4.00 PM. For Tender to be submitted through e-proc for 12 works (on 17.11.2022 for 4 works, on 10.11.2022 for 4 works, on 10.11.2022 for 3 works and on 31.10.2022 for 1 work within 4.00 PM on everyday) tender should be submitted. In case these days are declared as holidays the next days will be considered. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.

DIPR/ckm/No.176/mca/22-23/1148

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING DIVISION KALABURAGI
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No: HFW/EE/DIVN/KLB/AE-1/SCP-TSP & NHM/T.G/2022-23/728 Date: 21-10-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Division, Kalaburagi invites tender in single & Two Cover Document system respectively from eligible Class-III & Above contractors registered in KPWD in e-procurement for 18 works for Construction, & Upgradation of basic amenities of Hospitals in Kalaburagi, Raichur, Yadagir, Ballari, Koppal & Vijayanagar District of the Health & Family welfare Department. Maximum Project Cost-Rs. 100.00 Lakhs & Minimum Project Cost Rs. 37.50 Lakhs & Stipulated Period for Completion- respectively 03 to 05 months including monsoon-(Refer e-portal for the details).
Calendar of Events: 1) Last date for receipt of tenders : 27-10-2022 upto 16:30 hrs. 2) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): 02-11-2022 at 16:30 hrs.
The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.
NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through news papers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/761/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer
H & FWD Engineering Division, Kalaburagi

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT BENGALURU
PROBATE CIVIL PETITION No. 13/2022
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PRABHAT DUNDAPPA AMASHI (INTESTATE AND DECEASED)
BETWEEN:
1. MRS. LATA AMASHI,
Aged about 68 years, Wife of late Prabhat Dundappa Amashi Residing at # 47, 9th Main, 1st Cross, HAL 3rd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038.
2. MS. NAINA AMASHI,
Aged about 42 years, Daughter of late Prabhat Dundappa Amashi Residing at # 47, 9th Main, 1st Cross, HAL 3rd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038
3. MR. NIKHIL AMASHI
Aged about 34 years, Son of late Prabhat Dundappa Amashi Residing at # 47, 9th Main, 1st Cross, HAL 3rd Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038 **....PETITIONERS**
AND
NIL **.....RESPONDENTS**
WHEREAS the Petitioners above named have made a Petition dated 16.07.2022 under Part IX (Section 278 of the Indian Succession Act of 1925) for the grant of Letters of Administration on account of the death of **MR.PRABHAT DUNDAPPA AMASHI** who died **intestate** on 30.05.2020 in Lagos, Nigeria in respect of the properties of the deceased.
Be it known that no Caveat has been entered and that the said petition is posted for hearing on the **Twelfth** day of **December, Two Thousand** and **Twenty Two (12.12.2022)**, and all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Letters of Administration.
Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this the **Fourteenth** day of **October, 2022**
By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar
High Court of Karnataka
Bengaluru
Counsel for the Petitioners :
Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two-cover system) (Through e-procurement)
IFT NO: 42/ 2022-23 Date : 20-10-2022

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 & 4 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & Class-2 above can apply for the work approved under 4059-80-051-0-29-386 Departmental Building Constructions **03 Works in Shimoga tq. Maximum Amount put to tender is. Rs. 249.94 Lakhs and Minimum Amount put to Tender is Rs.84.03 lakhs and Maximum EMD amount is Rs. 3.75 lakhs and Minimum EMD amount is Rs. 1.26 Lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is as per notified in E-procurement portal, the time includes Monsoon.**
The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria Specified in Clause 3 of the Section - 2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from **20.10.2022 to 05.11.2022.** Last date for receipt of tender is on **05.11.2022 at 17.00 PM.** The technical bid will be opened on **07.11.2022 at 11.00 AM onwards** and financial bid will be opened after **08.11.2022 Onwards.** If there any Changes it is published through E-Procurement only. More information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

DIPR/SMG/No.123-10 zenkar/2022-23

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
PWD Special Division, Shimoga.

Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga
No: ಶಿಮನಪಾಶಿ:ಆವಿ:ಸಿಆರ್:50/2022-23 Date: :21.10.2022

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

Tenders have been invited in Two-cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999-2000 and Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document Procedure through e-procurement portal to provide the following services and supply the vehicles/machineries in the limits of Shivamogga City Corporation. The suppliers who are interested in participating through e-procurement tender can obtain the details in website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
(1) The last date for submission of application for tender document with e-payment through e-procurement portal : **05.11.2022 upto 5.30 P M.** (2) Date of opening of tender through e-procurement : **As per e-portal.** (3) More details can be had from e-portal and other details from this office during office hours.
Sl.No. **1.** Details : **Suppy of 16 CUM Garbage Compactor for Shivamogga City Corporation. (3 No's) Indent No: DMA/2022-23/IND14431/CALL-2** Approx. amount Rs in lakhs: **144.00** Amount put to tender Rs in lakhs : **141.00** EMD Amount Rs in lakhs : **2.16** Grants : **15th Finance Commission General Basic Grants for the year 2022-23.**
Any changes/corrigendum will be published in e-procurement only.

DIPR/SMG/No.134-10 zenkar/2022-23

Sd/- Asst. Executive Engineer (Environment)
Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ2.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:22:2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20–10–2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತ ಅದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಸಿವಿಲ್), ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು & ಯುಡಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ವಿದ್ಯುತ್) ರವರು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ– ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂ. ಸಂ: +91–8046010000 +91–8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರ:– **(1)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.11ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–35.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. **(2)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.13ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–20.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. **(3)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.15ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. **(4)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.17ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ಫ್ಲೇವಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ: 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. **(5)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.32ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. **(6)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.40ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:– 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. **(7)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.42ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–20.00 ಲಕ್ಷ **(8)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.43ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–18.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. **(9)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.43ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–10.60 ಲಕ್ಷ. **(10)** ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.44ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–55.00 ಲಕ್ಷ. **2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ :– (11)** ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ನೀರು ಶುದ್ಧೀಕರಣ ಘಟಕಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ ಲಿಕ್ವಿಡ್ ಕ್ಲೋರಿನ್‌ನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:– 6.00ಲಕ್ಷ. **(12)** ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಮಹಾನಗರ, ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ ವಾಲ್ವ್ ರಾಡ್, ಚೆಕ್‌ನೆಟ್ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ವಾಲ್ವ್‌ಗಳ ಬಿಡಿಭಾಗಗಳನ್ನು ದುರಸ್ಥಿಪಡಿಸುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ:–12.00ಲಕ್ಷ. ಸೂಚನೆ : 1) ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಮುಂದೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಯ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತವು ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. 2) ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. * ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ 08–11–2022 ಸಮಯ 16.30 * ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 08–11–2022 ಸಮಯ 17.00 * ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ 10–11–2022 ಸಮಯ 11.00

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/565/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಯುಕ್ತರು,
ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

INBRIEF

Five held for idol desecration in Prakasam district of A.P.

The Prakasam police arrested five treasure hunters near Markapur on Saturday in a case relating to desecration of the idol of Nandiswara at the historic temple of Eleshwara Swamy at Kanaparthi, near N.G. Padu, in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh. One person is absconding, Prakasam Superintendent of Police Malika Garg told presspersons. "There was no communal angle to the incident," the SP said.

One dead, 16 injured in wasp attack in Wayanad district

A 63-year-old man died and 16 persons were injured after being stung by wasps at Pozhuthana in Kerala's Wayanad district on Saturday. The incident occurred when a group of people were working on a private coffee plantation at Wayanamkunnu. Unable to bear the pain after being stung by the swarm of wasps, the workers ran for safety. The deceased sustained severe injuries in the commotion. Though he was rushed to the taluk hospital at Vythiri, he died.

Vizianagaram, Srikakulam on alert amid cyclone forecast

Both Vizianagaram and Srikakulam district administrations of Andhra Pradesh have been on high alert with the forecast of Sitrang cyclone by the IMD. Vizianagaram Collector A.Suryakumari said all the officials were directed to be vigilant as the cyclone might cause heavy downpour although its impact would be more in Odisha and West Bengal.Srikakulam district administration and marine police wing advised fishermen not to venture into the sea till October 26.

Khan to express displeasure against Ministers to Pinarayi

Law Minster P. Rajeeve and Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal showed disrespect, says Kerala Governor, adding, he won't be surprised if the Ministers are not dropped from the State Cabinet

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The stand-off between Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and the State government has escalated further with Mr. Khan announcing his decision to convey his displeasure against Law Minster P. Rajeeve and Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal to Chief Minster Pinarayi Vijayan.

Mr. Khan said he would not be surprised if the Ministers who showed disrespect to the Governor were not dropped from Cabinet. They had exhibited their ignorance and claimed that they could review his actions, he said.

Rift in the open: The stand-off between Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and the State government has been escalating.

"If they don't want to drop the Ministers and retain them, let them be retained... I will show my displeasure if the Ministers misbehave," he said.

Meanwhile, the government is likely to file a review petition against SC order that cancelled the appointment of M.S. Rajasree as Vice-Chancellor of APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University.

The verdict, the government feared, could lead to similar setbacks in other Vice-Chancellor appointments, especially those in which the search committees had proposed single candidates instead of panels of multiple candidates to the Chancellor.

Rahul Gandhi will ensure justice to Andhra Pradesh: Chinta Mohan

The Hindu Bureau
NELLORE

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will ensure justice to beleaguered Andhra Pradesh struggling to overcome bifurcation blues, said Congress Working Committee(CWC) Special Invitee Chinta Mohan.

Mr. Rahul Gandhi would see that Special Category Status and other promises made in the State Reorganisation Act, including central public sector port project at Dugarjapatnam and Polavaram irrigation project, were implemented in toto and expeditiously, the former Union Minister.

Dr. Chinta Mohan was addressing the media at Muttukur, near Krishnapatnam, in SPSR Nellore district on Saturday when he joined Rahul Gandhi in the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

A majority of the promises made to Andhra Pradesh remained unfulfilled due to the alleged failures of the BJP-led government at the Centre and the YSR Congress Party government in the State, he lamented.

The party was also against the three capital move of the YSR Congress Party Government and was for development of a single capital city, he added.

He said the Andhra Pradesh leg of the padayatra evoked a tremendous response from the common people who were moved by the former ACCI president's assurance to end hunger deaths, farmer suicides and widening gap between the rich and the poor due to the 'wrong' economic policies of the Narendra Modi government. Different sections of people, including farmers, joined the padayatra to express their solidarity.

He also said election of party leader Mallikarjun Kharge augured well for the party. It was a revolutionary change as a Dalit leader rose from the ranks to occupy the top post, he added.

He also referred to the high level of air pollution in and around Krishnapatnam with many power plants and posed a big health hazard for people in its surroundings. As repeated pleas to the Union and State Governments' to provide relief to the affected people fell on deaf ears, a legal battle would be waged in courts, he added.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Mizoram, Tripura and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.0	22.6	Kozhikode	3	34.1	24.5
Ahmedabad	—	35.5	22.0	Kurnool	—	33.4	24.1
Aizawl	—	—	18.6	Lucknow	—	32.4	19.9
Allahabad	—	33.3	20.0	Madurai	26	33.2	23.4
Bengaluru	—	27.9	19.4	Mangaluru	1	31.0	23.2
Bhopal	—	—	15.5	Mumbai	9	34.4	25.4
Bhubaneswar	—	32.0	21.5	Mysuru	12	29.7	20.0
Chandigarh	—	32.4	18.0	New Delhi	—	31.7	17.4
Chennai	7	32.2	23.8	Patna	—	31.6	20.5
Coimbatore	4	32.0	21.6	Port Blair	6	29.3	24.4
Dehradun	—	29.9	15.2	Puducherry	—	31.7	23.2
Gangtok	—	20.9	12.2	Pune	—	29.1	22.3
Goa	23.8	33.6	24.6	Raipur	—	31.0	20.4
Guwahati	—	33.0	20.5	Ranchi	—	29.0	17.8
Hubballi	—	29.0	18.0	Shillong	—	25.1	14.3
Hyderabad	—	29.2	19.3	Shimla	—	20.3	10.1
Imphal	—	31.4	15.1	Srinagar	—	18.5	4.2
Jaipur	—	33.3	19.0	Thiruvananthapuram	4	31.5	23.4
Kochi	0.2	30.2	24.0	Tiruchi	3	30.7	23.6
Kohima	—	24.5	13.4	Vijayawada	—	32.7	23.2
Kolkata	—	33.8	23.9	Visakhapatnam	—	33.3	26.3

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.39	..98	71	 71	90	.....
Bengaluru	...7	..32	78	... 132	...109	.....
Chennai	.14	..11	31	... 156	...100	.....
Delhi	.11	158	58	... 302	...418	.....
Hyderabad	...3	..29	38	... 143	...118	.....
Kolkata	.23	..60	33	... 100	...111	.....
Lucknow	.10	..86	52	... 203	...175	.....
Mumbai	.12	..41	35	 62	...149	.....
Pune	..—	..23	46	..... —	.....—	..... —
Visakhapatnam	.28	..39	25	 89	...108	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 330 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Women's panel issues notice to JSP chief for '3 marriages' comment

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Pawan Kalyan said he had married thrice by paying alimony in crores and asked YSRCP leaders to follow suit if they had money

Andhra Pradesh Mahila Commission has issued notice to Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan for his recent comments on three marriages.

In its notice on Saturday, the commission found fault with Mr. Pawan Kalyan's remarks that he had married thrice after paying alimony in crores, and asked the YSR Congress Party leaders to follow suit if they had money.

"Mr. Pawan Kalyan's comments are insulting. Marriage is a tradition that has great respect in society. But the statement of the JSP leader is highly objectionable. It is unfortunate that a party president equates marriage and the sacred relationship between a wife and husband with money," the commission said.

"There is a chance of youth following Mr. Pawan Kalyan's advice as he is a celebrity. The JSP leader had made cheap comments against women. He should withdraw his statement and tender an apology to women," it said.

Two held for possessing 15.2 g MDMA in Thrissur

The Hindu Bureau
THRISSUR

Excise officials arrested two youth with 15.2 grams of MDMA, a synthetic drug, from Kaipamangalam, a village in Kerala's Thrissur district on Saturday. The arrested were Jinesh, 31, of Chentrappinni and Vishnu Thottungal, 25, of Kaipamangalam.

The excise special squad also recovered from them a list of students who they suspect are regular customers. "The list had names and numbers of 250 students, including girls, in the 17-25 age group. We are contacting parents of these students and will send them for counselling," excise officials said.

Back to charcoal

Smoke and soot: With LPG prices soaring, tribal women of Nalgonda district in Telangana make charcoal from wood in an abandoned industrial unit. Though they have LPG connections, they use charcoal for cooking. NAGARA GOPAL

Mass death of ducks triggers panic in Alappuzha

The Hindu Bureau
ALAPPUZHA

Mass death of ducks at Vazhuthanam, near Haripad, has sparked panic among farmers.

Animal Husbandry department officials said here that over 400 ducks had died in less than a week. Samples of the dead birds have been sent to the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal, to test for bird flu.

"The samples have been sent to NIHSAD for analyses after tests conducted at the Avian Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Thiruvalla remained inconclusive. Results are expected by Monday," said an official.

New species of genus *Allmania* spotted

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A rather frail-looking plant spotted on the granite hillocks of Palakkad has been identified as a new species of the genus *Allmania*. Named *Allmania multiflora*, the species is quite special from both the botanical and conservation points of view, according to researchers.

An annual herb that grows to a height of about 60 cm, *Allmania multiflora* is only the second species of this genus identified so far anywhere. That is not all: the discovery has come 188 years after the genus and the first species were described by botanists.

Field surveys, genetic analysis, and molecular and morphometric investigations demonstrated it as distinct from *Allmania nodiflora*, which so far had been accepted as the lone *Allmania* species, a paper published in the journal *Phytotaxa* said. The paper has been authored by V.S. Anil Kumar, Department of Botany, University College, Thiruvananthapuram; S. Arya, a research scholar of the same department; V. Suresh, Department of Botany, Government Victoria College, Palakkad; and Duilio Iamonico, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy.

The discovery of the second species of genus Allmania has come 188 years after the first species were described by botanists.

The first species, *Allmania nodiflora*, was originally published under the genus *Celosia* as *Celosia nodiflora* in 1753.

Specimens found in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) were first described as *Allmania nodiflora* in 1834. Its newfound cousin, *Allmania multiflora*, is currently known only from a few locations. Given its small population, the researchers have assessed it as critically endangered, applying IUCN Red List criteria.

The plant was discovered during ongoing studies on *Amaranthaceae*, the plant family to which the genus *Allmania* belongs. Found at heights ranging between 1,000 to 1,250 metres, *Allmania multiflora* is an annual herb, erect, with branches arising from the base. The stem is red to violet at the base and green above. Flowering and fruiting occurs from May to September.

Allmania multiflora has been so named for having a higher number of florets within an inflorescence.

The species faced a number of threats, explained Dr. Anil Kumar. "Its population is quite small, for one. It could be accidentally exploited by local people as a vegetable along with amaranths. Its habitat, granite hillocks, too face various forms of threats today," he said.

Tamil Nadu sets up Governing Council on Climate Change

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government has decided to establish the Tamil Nadu Governing Council on Climate Change, with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin as its head.

It has roped in several eminent persons, apart from Senior Secretaries of various key departments and experts in the sector, as its members.

Supriya Sahu, Secretary of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests, said the State government was spearheading path-breaking initiatives in climate change and it had set up three key missions – Tamil Nadu Green Mission, Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission and Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission. It had also set up a special purpose vehicle, known as the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC), to steer climate action effectively.

The purpose of the Governing Council, she said, was to provide a policy directive to the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission, advise on climate adaptation and mitigation activities, provide guidance to the Tamil Nadu State Action Plan on Climate Change and guide the implementation strategy for climate action.

She said orders were issued in this regard by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests with the approval of the Chief Minister.

Eminent members of the Governing Council are Montek Singh Ahluwalia (economist); Nandan M. Nilekani (chairman of Infosys Board); Erik Solheim (the sixth Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme and Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations); Ramesh Ramachandran (Founder Director of the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management); G. Sundarrajan (Coordinator, Poovulagin Nanbargal); and Nirmala Raja (Chairperson, RAMCO Community Services).

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Breathing life into a dead river in Odisha

Though the target of reviving a dead river in span of six months sounded ambitious, the green tribunal had made its intent clear. "The government is readying plans to rejuvenate Sukapaika river," Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Odisha Chief Secretary, told *The Hindu*. Mr. Mohapatra recently held a high level meeting of engineers and discussed various aspects on breathing life into Sukapaika. The government has, however, set a target to complete the renovation within 18 months. Engineers involved in planning and execution said it was possible. "The government has approved ₹49.67 crore for rejuvenation of Sukapaika River. This is not a huge amount and so the government need not show reluctance. But it requires government's determination to make it happen," said Sisir Das, counsel for the petitioner in the NGT.

Dr. Pratap Chandra Rath, a Hyderabad-based cardiologist who hails from the region, was among the first to encourage people to build a movement for rejuvenation of Sukapaika. Subsequently, grassroots-level representatives gathered and resolved to exert pressure on government for the cause. "What made people realise the need for revival of the river was that most tube-wells were becoming defunct due to depletion of groundwater. Irrigation was the biggest casualty. The situation came to such a pass that people were not able to use any waterbody to perform last rites as they were dry. Traditional fisherfolk became jobless. Villagers encountered a host of problems without the river," said Nrusingha Prasad Das of Bodhapur village. In 2019, a people's march for the river's restoration attracted the attention of authorities. As the movement gained momentum, public hearings were held, comments were sought and there was overwhelming support for breathing life into Sukapaika again. Emotional about river's rejuvenation, villagers say it will touch lives of 10 lakh people in 425 villages.

Xi Jinping set to begin third term

A frail-looking former leader Hu Jintao, 79, who was sitting beside his successor, was unexpectedly escorted off the congress stage before voting was to commence on approving amendments to the party Constitution, which were then passed unanimously in his absence.

The second surprise was the exclusion of second-ranked leader Li Keqiang and fourth-ranked PBSC member Wang Yang – both allies of Mr. Hu – from the new Central Committee that was announced at the congress. Their early retirements – they are both under the unofficial retirement age of 68 – paves the way for as many as four new appointments to the PBSC, with two other current members due to retire. Mr. Li, however, will continue as Premier until his term ends in March.

All four appointments are likely to be close allies of Mr. Xi, marking for the first time in decades in Chinese politics a "clean sweep" on its most powerful body, which had, in the past, shared power between different party factions.

Mr. Xi, however, has shattered both factional equations as well as the "collective leadership" model, returning China to one-man rule. The congress also approved amendments to the party Constitution further underlining Mr. Xi's "core" status by calling on the party to "establish his core position and the guiding role" of his ideology and "uphold his core position and the centralised, unified leadership" of the party, called the "two establishes" and "two upholds".

Former leader's exit from stage causes stir

Mr. Hu, known to be in ill-health and requiring assistance even when he attended the October 16 opening of the congress and sat beside Mr. Xi then, appeared reluctant to leave. When an aide moved to assist Mr. Hu and held his arm, he appeared to pull his arm away. The aide then lifted him up off his seat, and as he left, he appeared to mistakenly take a white sheet of paper placed in front of Mr. Xi, which the current Chinese leader then moved away from him. Mr. Hu exchanged brief words with both Mr. Xi and second-ranked leader Li Keqiang before leaving the stage.

China's official Xinhua news agency said Mr. Hu "was not feeling well during the session" so "his staff, for his health, accompanied him to a room next to the meeting venue for a rest". "Hu Jintao insisted on attending the closing session of the Party's 20th National Congress, despite the fact that he has been taking time to recuperate recently," a brief report said.

If some saw political machinations or a sudden purge behind Mr. Hu's exit, the official media's coverage didn't seem to suggest so. The state broadcaster's main evening news broadcast showed Mr. Hu participating in the morning session in a close-up shot right after Mr. Xi was shown and ahead of the other leaders, a status that would not be accorded to a purged politician.

If the consensus of most observers in Beijing was that Mr. Hu was likely unwell and appeared disoriented, there were some unanswered questions. For one, Mr. Hu appeared reluctant to leave. Also, his exit in the full glare of media that had just been ushered into the venue meant he was not present for the voting of the amendments to the Constitution. The amendments were passed unanimously in his absence.

Information on Rohingya detention centres is a 'secret': Home Ministry

In August, Hardeep Singh Puri had said in a tweet that Rohingya refugees will be shifted to small flats. However, Home Ministry denied it and said that the government considered them illegal migrants and will deport them to Myanmar

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A view of the Rohingya Colony near Kalindi Kunj in New Delhi. FILE PHOTO

Months after the Union Home Ministry announced on Twitter that it had directed the Delhi government to declare the "present location" of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar in Delhi a detention centre, the Ministry said in an RTI reply that the information was "secret". On August 17, Union Housing Minister Hardeep Singh Puri's tweeted that Rohingya refugees will be shifted to small flats, adding that "India has always welcomed those who have sought refuge in the country".

He said that India respected the United Nations Refugee Convention, 1951 and provided refuge to all, regardless of their race, religion or creed. Following severe criticism on social media by right-wing groups including the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), the Home Ministry issued a clarification on Twitter saying no such directions have been given to provide EWS (Economically Weaker Section) flats to "Rohingya illegal migrants" at Bakkarwala in Delhi.

New location

The Ministry said it was the Delhi government's proposal to shift the Rohingya to a new location. The August 17 tweet added that the Ministry had directed the Delhi government that the Rohingya would continue at the present location pending deportation as it has already taken up the matter of their deportation with the country concerned through the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). "Illegal foreigners are to be kept in Detention Centre till their deportation as per law. The Government of Delhi has not declared the present location as a Detention Centre. They have been directed to do the same immediately," the Ministry's tweet said.

The communication led to a political blame game between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), each accusing the other of appeasing the Rohingya, a persecuted Muslim community from Myanmar.

The Rohingya live in tents in an open space next to a residential area in the Kalindi Kunj area of south-east Delhi, adjacent to the Uttar Pradesh boundary. The land where the tents have been pitched belong to the Zakat Foundation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO).

Around 1,200 Rohingya came to Delhi in 2012 after several waves of violence in Myanmar.

They settled in the Zakat Foundation's land, but after a fire broke out in their camp in 2018, they moved to the adjacent land belonging to the Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department. After yet another fire at their camp in 2021, they were settled back to Zakat's land that falls in Delhi. In response to a Right to Information (RTI) query by *The Hindu* regarding the date and content of the letter sent to Delhi government, the Home Ministry said the requisite information was exempted under Section 8 (1) (a) of the Act as it has been marked "secret".

The said section says that notwithstanding anything contained in the Act, there shall be no obligation to give any citizen "information, disclosure of which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the State, relation with foreign State or lead to incitement of an offence."

SC comes to the rescue of former soldier battling AIDS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has come to the rescue of a former soldier who is fighting for his life after recent tests showed his HIV infection has turned into AIDS.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit ordered the armed forces to open up the treatment facilities in the Base Hospital at Delhi Cantonment for him. The court directed that doctors should examine him and submit a report in the next hearing. They should check his private lab reports which indicated him as an AIDS patient. He should be provided medication and reimbursed for any expenses he had incurred.

The ex-serviceman, who made an emotional plea for justice in court while appearing in person, said he was thrice rebuffed at the Base Hospital and the facility of medication was not extended.

However, Additional Solicitor-General Vikramjit Banerjee assured the court that "he is our person and we will do everything required to help him".

The man had allegedly been infected during a blood transfusion at a military hospital in 2002.

ISRO's heaviest rocket with 36 satellites on board lifts off

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ISRO's heaviest rocket lifting off from the second launchpad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The heaviest rocket of the Indian Space Research Organisation, the LVM3-M2/OneWeb India-1, with 36 satellites on board took off from the second launch pad (SLP) of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR at Sriharikota at 12.07 a.m. on Sunday.

LVM3-M2 is the dedicated commercial satellite mission of NewSpace India Ltd. (NSIL), a Central public sector enterprise under the Department of Space.

With this launch, LVM3 is making its entry into the "global commercial launch service market". This mission is being undertaken as part of the commercial arrangement entered into between NSIL and Network Access Associates Limited (m/s OneWeb Ltd), a U.K.-based company.

As part of this mission 36 OneWeb Gen-1 satellites, meant for global connectivity needs, will be launched into circular low earth orbit of 601 km altitude.

This mission is the fifth flight of LVM3. And this is the first Indian rocket with a six tonne payload.

Technical failure suspected in Army chopper crash that claimed 5 lives in Arunachal

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The Air Traffic Control (ATC) had received a "Mayday" call from the pilots prior to the crash

A technical or mechanical fault could be the cause of the Army helicopter crash that killed five personnel in Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh on Friday, said a statement from the Defence authorities on Saturday.

According to the statement, the Air Traffic Control (ATC) had received a "Mayday" call from the pilots prior to the crash, suggesting a technical or mechanical failure.

A "mayday" call refers to a distress call over radio communication by pilots to the air traffic control in case of emergency. "It is reported that the weather was good for flying operations. The pilots had more than 600 combined flying hours on the ALH-WSI (advanced light helicopter-weapon systems integrated) and over 1,800 service flying hours between them," the statement said.

The aircraft was inducted into service in June 2015, it added. "This (technical failure) will form the focus of the court of inquiry, which has been immediately constituted to investigate the causes of the accident," the statement said. The Army Aviation helicopter based in Likabali (Assam) crashed at Migging, south of Tuting at 10.43 a.m. on Friday.

The team comprising the Army, the Air Force, the police and local people retrieved the mortal remains of four personnel from the crash site. The fifth body was retrieved on Saturday. The personnel were identified as Major Vikas Bhambhu, Major Mustafa Vohara, and jawans Aswin K.V., Biresh Sinha and Rohitashva Kumar.

T.N. Marine Police charge Navy personnel with attempt to murder

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Heath check: The injured fisherman being treated at the Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai on Saturday. G. MOORTHY

The Tamil Nadu Marine Police have registered a case against unnamed personnel of the Indian Navy for firing 'warning shots' at a fishing boat in the Palk Bay, causing injuries to a fisherman on Friday.

Acting on a complaint by Selvakumar, one of the the 10 fishermen on board the fishing boat, the police have booked the Navy personnel under Sections 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons), 326 (voluntarily causing grievous injuries by dangerous weapons) and 307 (attempt to murder) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 27 (1) of the Arms Act.

K. Veeravel, 30, the injured fisherman who is from Mayiladuthurai district, is under treatment at Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai.

His condition is said to be stable. The Navy ship fired warning shots after it had observed the 'suspicious' boat in the early hours of Friday.

Different version

The fishermen, however, have their version to tell.

A. Dhandapani, a fisherman and relative of the injured, said the attack had happened despite their boat flying the National Flag at four places.

P. Chelladurai, a fellow fisherman, said the focus light of the naval ship had been trained on them long before the personnel opened fire, when they were about 50 metres away.

"Our boat is no match for the ship used by the Navy in terms of speed. They had myriad ways of stopping us but they chose to fire for no logical reason, though we were not trying to hide," he said.

Mr. Chelladurai said they were taken aboard the naval vessel and beaten with "steel pipes and iron rods and [they] hit on our heads and elsewhere with shoes" even as they cried for help. Their mobile phones were confiscated too. After Mr. Veeravel was airlifted, the fishermen returned to their mechanised boat where the naval personnel conducted searches.

"Finding nothing, we were asked to follow them on our own boat; they threatened to open fire again if we did not obey orders. We were led ashore around 10.30 p.m. on October 21 at Nagapattinam after they purposely delayed the journey back," he said. Mr. Veeravel is expected to be discharged in 10 days and can possibly return to work in two months, said Rajaji Hospital Dean A. Rathinavel.

His wife V. Madhumathi, 26, mother to a nine-month-old daughter and a young son, is now left to attend to the financial needs of the family.

Saudi Crown Prince expected to visit Delhi next month

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NEW DELHI

Mohammed bin Salman

Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mohammad bin Salman (MbS) is likely to visit India on his way to Indonesia in mid-November, to meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The visit is expected to last a few hours on November 14, and both leaders are expected to depart for Bali to attend the G-20 summit there on November 15-16.

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar, who visited Riyadh in September for bilateral talks, had conveyed Mr. Modi's invitation to Mr. Salman, asking him to visit at an "early date". Sources say the visit of the Saudi leader could cast doubt over Mr. Modi's attendance at meetings with the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and the 18-member East Asian Summit (EAS) leaders meeting in Cambodia.

Mr. Salman and Mr. Modi are expected to exchange views on the present energy security scenario due to the Russian war in Ukraine. They may also discuss the western coalition sanctions that neither India nor the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have joined.

The visit has geopolitical significance given U.S.-Saudi tensions over oil production cuts by the OPEC+ grouping.

Decisions taken in past eight years helped India tide over pandemic: PM

Modi launches *Rozgar Mela* for 10 lakh Union government jobs and hands over appointment letters to 75,000 candidates who will join 38 Ministries and departments; Prime Minister says similar events will be organised in other States

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that it was no one's expectation that the side effects of a once-in-100-year pandemic would go away in 100 days, but India could tide over the crisis with the economic and policy decisions taken in the past eight years.

Mr. Modi said India had leapt forward from the 10th to the fifth largest economy, though many big economies in the world were struggling and faced record inflation and unemployment.

"This has been made possible because in the past eight years, we got rid of those shortcomings of the country's economy which created hindrances," he said.

Mr. Modi launched a *Rozgar Mela* (recruitment drive) for 10 lakh Union government jobs through video conferencing. During the ceremony, appointment letters were handed over to 75,000 appointees in the first batch.

New beginning: A new appointee who received the order from Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia posing for a photograph with the cut-out of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bhopal. A.M. FARUQUI

New recruits

These new recruits will join 38 Ministries and departments at Group A, B (both gazetted and non-gazetted) and C levels. The posts to which appointments are being made include central armed force personnel, sub-inspector, constable, lower division clerk, stenographer, personal assistant, income tax inspector and multi-tasking staff.

The Prime Minister announced in June that the existing 10 lakh vacancies in Union government departments would be filled in a mission mode till 2023 ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Addressing the appointees, Mr. Modi said, "We decided that a tradition of giving appointment letters in one go should be started so that a collective temperament of completing projects in a time-bound way develops in departments. I am happy that many NDA- and BJP-ruled States, along with the Union Territories, will also organise similar Melas."

He said that completion of the process of selection for the lakhs of vacancies in a few months and issuing appointment letters was an indication of the change that the government system had undergone in the past seven or eight years. He recalled the days when applying for government jobs was a cumbersome process and corruption was rampant.

He said that the steps taken during the initial years of his government, such as self-attestation and abolition of interviews for Group C and D posts, had helped the youth.

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation data in the past years showed how much the government's policies regarding employment have improved the situation.

He noted that according to the data that came two days ago, in August, nearly 17 lakh people joined the EPFO and had now become part of the formal economy. He said nearly eight lakh of them were in the 18-25 age group.

Taxpayers are saddened by *revri* culture, says Modi

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Drawing a distinction between welfare schemes that benefit the poor and "freebies", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that "*revri* culture" saddened the average taxpayer.

He was addressing the *griha pravesham* (house warming) ceremony for over 4.5 lakh beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

"Now that I am giving away these four lakh houses, every taxpayer in the country must be thinking that a poor brother in Madhya Pradesh will also get to celebrate Deepavali like her, and [the beneficiary] is getting a *pucca* house due to which his daughter's life will be improved. But what hurts them the most is the money taken from them being used to distribute *revris*," he said.

He added that many such disgruntled taxpayers are writing letters to him expressing concern and "are bracing to rid the country of the *revri* culture". "When a taxpayer feels that her money is being spent for the right cause, then she is satisfied and keeps on paying more taxes," he said.

Mr. Modi called the PMAY-G a medium for bringing major socio-economic change in the country. He said that in the past eight years, over 3.5 crore such houses had been built.

Attacking past governments for failing to deliver the fundamental necessities such as housing, Mr. Modi said such schemes would break the vicious cycle of homelessness.

INBRIEF

Congress attacks Centre over *Rozgar Mela*, MSP for Rabi

The Congress on Saturday described the *Rozgar Mela* by the Narendra Modi government as "event *baazi* by the *jumla* king" and asked when the Prime Minister would honour his promise of 16 crore jobs. In a series of tweets, party general secretary Randeep Surjewala targeted the Modi government over the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for rabi crops and said it was even less than inflation."At least, the '*Jumla* king' was forced to admit that unemployment is the biggest problem the country and the youth face," he said in a tweet and asserted that it was the biggest achievement of the Bharat Jodo Yatra. "By when would these 16 crore jobs be provided and by when would 30 lakh vacancies in government departments be filled up. The Prime Minister would have to answer the youth of the country," Mr. Surjewala said in a video posted on Twitter. In a separate set of tweets, the Congress leader accused the Narendra Modi government of "duping the farmers".

15 killed, 40 injured as bus rams trailer truck in M.P.

Fifteen persons were killed and 40 injured after an Uttar Pradesh-bound private bus hit a trailer truck in Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh on Friday night, the police said. The bus was ferrying migrant workers going to Gorakhpur from Hyderabad to celebrate Deepavali. Of the survivors, over a dozen are receiving treatment in a Rewa hospital, while others have been sent to their home State of Uttar Pradesh, the police said. They are all said to be out of danger. Superintendent of Police (SP), Rewa, Navneet Bhasin said the bus, a sleeper coach, was taking a mountain road in Sohagi Ghati, about 60 km from the district headquarters, when it rammed the trailer-truck from behind on National Highway 30. President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the loss of lives in the bus accident. The Madhya Pradesh government will bear the cost of treatment of the injured, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan told presspersons.

EC questions Gujarat over transfer reports

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) has written to the Gujarat Chief Secretary and the State police chief demanding an explanation over why it has not received compliance reports regarding the transfer of officials directly connected with the conduct of the soon-to-be-held Assembly election in the State.

According to norms, officers directly connected with the conduct of polls cannot be posted in their home districts or places where they have served for a considerably long period during elections.

The EC, on August 1, wrote to the Chief Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer of poll-bound Gujarat over the issue on August 1 and asked for a compliance report by September 30.

It had then sent a reminder for the urgent furnishing of the compliance report on October 19 but to no avail.

With new party president, Congress shifts focus to Gujarat Assembly polls

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Hours after taking over as the Congress president on October 26, Mallikarjun Kharge will preside over a meeting of the Central Election Committee to shortlist potential candidates for the Gujarat Assembly election.

Under pressure to dispel the notion that the Congress has conceded space to the Aam Admi Party (AAP), the party is ready to step up its campaign in the State.

The party is working out the logistics to rope Rahul Gandhi in for the campaign, though nothing has been finalised yet. Mr. Gandhi, who has not left the Bharat Jodo Yatra route since it started on September 7, is expected to be in Delhi during the Deepavali break and then for Mr. Kharge's charge-taking ceremony.

Mallikarjun Kharge

"We definitely want Rahul*ji* to campaign in Gujarat and we are working on a plan. But it can't be a *padayatra* as we want him to cover as many areas as possible within a limited time," said a senior leader who is also part of the panel that is shortlisting potential candidates. The screening panel has already had six rounds of meetings to discuss constituency-wise candidates.

With the party president's election out of its way, the Congress is now focusing on the Gujarat election. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who was credited for the party's impressive performance in the 2017 Assembly election after it won 77 seats and stopped the BJP at 99 seats, spent two days in the State for a ground assessment. During his visit on October 17 and 18, Mr. Gehlot met leaders of the Bharatiya Tribal Party and the Nationalist Congress Party, both potential allies.

The party's strategy seems to be to focus on rural areas where it had done well in the 2017 election.

Of the 182 Assembly constituencies in Gujarat, the Congress is weakest in the 55 urban ones. In 2017, the BJP swept urban areas, winning 46 seats. That is why the emergence of the AAP is being closely monitored by the ruling BJP and the Congress.

"Everyone has been talking about the AAP in reference to us. But they can impact the BJP in urban areas as they hardly have workers in rural areas," said the senior leader.

On Friday, addressing a press conference in Delhi, the AICC's Gujarat incharge, Raghu Sharma, said that the BJP is not in a good shape.

"Going by the frequent visits of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister to Gujarat, it is evident that all is not well with the BJP in their home state," Mr. Sharma said.

KALOJI NARAYANA RAO UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, TELANGANA

NOTIFICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO PG MEDICAL COURSES FOR 2022-23

Applications online are invited from the candidates qualified after lowering of cutoff score of NEET-PG-2022 for admission into PG Medical courses under Competent Authority Quota and Management Quota for 2022-23 in colleges affiliated to KNRUHS.

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Date : 22-10-2022 Sd/- Registrar
DIPR R.O. No. : 851-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 90,91/SE/PHC/TSR/2022-23, Jal Jeevan Mission - Providing Distribution Network and FHTC to Kadangode & Varavoor Panchayaths, EMD: Rs. **500000**, Tender fee : Rs. **17700/-**, Last Date for submitting Tender: **14-11-2022, 03:00 pm.** Phone: **04872423230.**
Website: **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in** **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
KWA-JB-GL-6-943-2022-23
Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Thrissur

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Period of Contract: 6 Months

Tender Closing Date & Time: 21.11.2022 @ 12:00 hours

Chief Workshop Manager
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File No.: 2329 **Date: 18/10/2022**

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2. PWD2223WSOB09541
3. PWD2223WSOB09542
4. PWD2223WSOB09543

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No: 25943/DMA/77/KMDS/2018-19 Date: 22.10.2022

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(Through e-Procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited from the qualified bidders for **Microsoft Surface Pro 8 8PN-00013 in KMDS** through e-procurement mode using **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of e-governance department. The calendar of bid is briefly as mentioned below:
- Tender Publish Date : **25.10.2022**
- Pre bid meeting : **29.10.2022 at 11:30 am**
- Last date for receipt of tender : **14.11.2022 at 17:30**
- Opening of Bids on: **16.11.2022**

Please visit website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** to submit bids.

Sd/-
Joint Director(R),
DIPR/CP/2754/Zen/2022-23 **Karnataka Municipal Data Society, Bengaluru.**

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone, Ajmer
No. :- ACE/AJ/TECH/F2(30A-Ajmer)/D-3625 **Date:- 17.10.2022**
NIB No. : PWD2223A2418
Notice Inviting Bid 14/2022-23

Bids for 01 no. Work is invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM on Thursday 10 November 2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 2857.00 Lacs.
UBN No. :-PWD2223WLOB09480

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DIPR/C/13432 **PWD, Zone, Ajmer**

Additional Chief Engineer P.W.D. Zone-II, Jaipur
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Phone :- 0141-2226537 Ex. : 299
File No.-1589 **Date: 13/10/22**

NIB NO-22/2022-23

Bids for 14 No. Works (12 No. road Packages and 2 Building works) in alwar District are invited from interested bidders upto 6-00 PM on 07-11-2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 5600.54 lacs.
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3. PWD2223WSOB09470
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F.No.6(56)Raj-MES/Store/CT-Scan-Proc./2022/13791
Dated: 20-10-2022

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Director,
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TIRUPATI SMART CITY CORPORATION LIMITED,
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13-29-M9-1-100, Tilak Road, East Tirupati-517501.
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NIT Number:TSCCL/NIT/63, Dated:October 22nd, 2022.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

IFB No.:	Name of the work
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The details of **Notice and Instructions** of tendering are available at **http://www.nczcc.in** **Last date** for submission of complete tender documents is **31st October, 2022 till 01:00 P.M.**

Director

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ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 11 (सिविल) / 2022-23
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क्रमांक: 1720-1742 दिनांक: 17.10.2022

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DIPR/C/13516/2022 (मुख्यालय-बाड़मेर)

INBRIEF

Caste atrocity: Dalit family converts to Buddhism

Angered by the alleged atrocities of higher castes, 12 members of a Dalit family from Bhulon village in Baran district of Rajasthan say they have converted to Buddhism. This came following an incident of assault, for which the police reportedly refused to book the husband of the village sarpanch. One person was arrested in connection with the incident. The family members took the 22 vows of B.R. Ambedkar for embracing Buddhism on Friday and floated the idols and pictures of Hindu deities into the Baithali river of the village after taking out a procession.

Tripura BJP says no to alliance with the TIPRA

The BJP's Tripura unit on Saturday announced that it would stay away from allying with new political parties, including the TIPRA (Tipraha Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance), in the Assembly election. The party, however, clarified that the Central leadership may revise the decision. "Our existing ties with the IPFT will remain intact", party's spokesperson Ashok Sinha said. Sources said the Greater Tipraland demand of the TIPRA is unacceptable to the BJP. TIPRA has been demanding a written assurance on Greater Tipraland if any party wants its support.

Depression over Bay of Bengal may turn into cyclone

A depression over the Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm by Monday morning and will make landfall on the Bangladesh coast on Tuesday, a bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The weather formation is likely to cross the Bangladesh coast between Tinkona Island and Sandwip. The IMD has predicted heavy to very heavy rain (7 cm to 20 cm) to occur at one or two places in West Bengal on Monday.

DCW seeks probe as victim detained in gang-rape case

Delhi Commission for Woman (DCW) Chairperson Swati Maliwal on Saturday wrote to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath seeking a high-level inquiry into the alleged gang rape of a 38-year-old woman in Ghaziabad. The letter comes a day after the police registered an FIR against the woman and three others for allegedly fabricating the case over a property dispute. The police said the woman and her accomplices even paid certain people to sensationalise the case.

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'Indian TV professional and friend killed by disbanded special forces unit in Kenya'

The two had been missing for three months and were part of the social media team of President William Ruto, helping him in his political campaign, according to his adviser; Ministry of External Affairs keeping a 'close watch' of the case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Two Indian nationals missing in Kenya for nearly three months were killed by a notorious special forces unit that was disbanded by the new Kenyan administration, an adviser to President William Ruto has announced.

Condemning the now-defunct Special Services Unit, or SSU, Denis Itumbi said the former COO of Balaji Telefilms Zulfikar Ahmad Khan and his friend Mohamed Zaid Sami Kidwai were part of the social media team of President William Ruto and had helped him "immensely" in his political campaign this year.

"We became friends. Sometimes, when our team was overwhelmed and we needed a graphic, I sent it their way and they paused whatever they were doing and did me the favour. As usual they always did something extra. A meme here, a video there, a box quote and much more... Zaid and Ahmad were just good people who became my friends and in the process connected with some in our team," Mr. Itumbi said in a Facebook post, putting out details of collaboration between the two Indian nationals and Mr. Ruto's United Democratic Alliance. He, however, did not give the reason for the steps taken by the SSU.

Zulfikar Ahmad Khan. INSTAGRAM/ZULFIZAK

Zulfikar Ahmad Khan, 48, last worked as the COO of Balaji Telefilms. Prior to that, he was the managing director of the OTT platform HOOQ and the business head and chief revenue officer of Eros Now.

Mr. Khan started his career with Star India and rose to be its senior vice-president of advertising sales. He managed several channels such as Star Plus, Star Gold, Star Sports and National Geographic and the popular music outlet Channel V.

'In between jobs'

According to a close friend, Mr. Khan left Balaji Telefilms earlier this year and was "in between jobs" during the summer when he went on a vacation to Kenya. He denied that Mr. Khan was involved in any activity other than travel and tourism.

The friend of Mr. Khan said that they would wait for the forensic reports to confirm the claims made by Mr. Itumbi.

Earlier this month, President Ruto disbanded the SSU under the Directorate of Criminal Investigation which was set up more than two decades ago and was accused of many extra-judicial killings and "enforced disappearances" in the country.

Disbanding of the SSU was the first big step by the administration of Mr. Ruto, who won the bitter presidential campaign defeating former Prime Minister Raila Odinga. Mr. Khan's friends have said that he contacted them last on July 21 and thereafter, there was no communication from him.

Crucial evidence

Mr. Itumbi said in a Facebook post that CCTV footage had shown that while travelling, Mr. Khan and Mr. Kidwai were stopped by the special forces unit and they were "dragged" away along with their car driver. They were held in a container for three days and were driven to the Aberdare mountain range near the Kenyan capital Nairobi. The matter is still being investigated, he said.

It is, however, not yet clear why the SSU targeted Mr. Khan and Mr. Kidwai. His friends maintain that they were not involved in local political affairs.

The External Affairs Ministry is yet to comment on the statement of Mr. Itumbi, though it said last week that India was keeping a "close watch" of the case.

The SSU had been criticised by rights groups in Africa and were accused of hundreds of "enforced disappearances" over the past two decades.

The bodies of murdered individuals would often be found floating in the Yala river.

Human rights groups have demanded that disbanding of the Special Services Unit is not sufficient and President Ruto should prosecute the commanders of the unit who are accused of hundreds of disappearances.

No traffic fines in Gujarat till Oct. 27 in view of Deepavali

Press Trust of India
SURAT

No fines will be collected from traffic rule violators till October 27 in view of Deepavali festivities, the Gujarat government has announced. The decision was taken so that people's "Deepavali is not spoiled", Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi said on Saturday.

The announcement evoked a sharp response from AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi, who termed it a *revri* (freebie) from the ruling BJP. The Assembly election in Gujarat is expected to be announced soon.

"From October 21 to 27, traffic police in Gujarat will not collect any fine from people. If anyone is caught without a helmet or driving licence or found violating any other traffic rule during this period, our police will give them a flower," Mr. Sanghavi said in Surat.

The decision was taken to give relief to people during Deepavali and was being done under the guidance of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, he said.

Reacting to this, Mr. Owaisi said on Saturday, "In 2021, Gujarat saw 15,200 road traffic accidents in which 7,457 people lost their lives. This *revri* bonanza by BJP Gujarat govt is putting people's lives at risk."

Access to palliative care only for 1-2% of those in need: data

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Only 1-2% of the population who need palliative care have access to it in India compared to the global average of 14%, according to Health Ministry data analysis released by the health unit of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).

The analysis shows that while India stands at number three in terms of cancer incidence in the world, most States in the country do not even have enabling legislation or policy to integrate palliative care with treatment offered to cancer patients. Currently only three States (Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra) have a palliative care policy. Kerala, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Punjab, and Assam report the highest overall crude incidence rates of cancers which is greater than 130 cases per lakh population.

As per the report on the state of cancer incidence in the country, the financial burden for cancer treatment is highest among all diseases, making it unaffordable for over 80% of the population.

"The government needs to undertake efforts to include palliative care packages under reimbursement schemes of government as well as private insurance plans," notes the study.

The Health Ministry in its response had noted that an initiative for prevention, control, and screening for non-communicable diseases has been rolled out under the National Health Mission (NHM).

NGT stops Corbett tiger safari work till panel submits tree felling report

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked the Uttarakhand government not to proceed with the Pakhro tiger safari project inside the Corbett Tiger Reserve until a committee submits its final report on the alleged illegal cutting of trees inside the reserve for the project.

Damage control: The NGT wants the report to include the steps required for restoration of the habitat. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

The tribunal had earlier taken cognisance of *The Hindu* report on felling of trees at the Reserve. The report had quoted a Forest Survey of India (FSI) report saying that over 6,000 trees were illegally felled to facilitate the project against the permission given for cutting 163.

The NGT Bench consisting of Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, Justice Sudhir Agarwal and Professor A. Senthil Vel (expert member) maintained that the FSI report acknowledges the illegality in cutting of trees.

"Thus, accountability needs to be fixed for such violations and the damage to the environment restored, following due process of law. Accordingly, we constitute a three-member committee comprising the Directors-General of the Forest Department, Wildlife Department and Project Tiger to identify the violators and the steps required for restoration of environment," the NGT said.

It further ordered the State government not to proceed with the project until the committee submits its report with specific recommendations that may be furnished to the Secretary of the Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change within one month. The report should also include steps for further course of action, the Bench ordered.

Earlier, Anoop Singh, Director-General of the Forest Survey of India, in his report to the NGT, had maintained that the area of sites where the trees were cut – as mentioned in the letter from the Uttarakhand government – has been calculated using a GPS survey done by the Geographic Information System (GIS) team of the FSI and Google Earth imagery.

"The number of trees observed per hectare from all the inventory plots when multiplied with the area figures of a particular site gives the number of estimated trees felled at that particular site. By adding the estimated trees at different sites, the total estimated number of trees felled are arrived in the study area," the FSI told the NGT.

The path to Mugafi will be paved with trekkers' dreams

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

No tourist has ever trekked to Mugafi at 4,050 metres above mean sea level. But that has not stopped villagers in the most "disconnected" administrative circle in Arunachal Pradesh from readying the peak for visitors.

The enthusiasm stems from their belief that the 157-km road to Vijaynagar, the circle headquarters, from the nearest connected town Miao would be paved soon to end an almost six-decade wait.

Miao and Vijaynagar are in Changlang district of eastern Arunachal Pradesh.

Mugafi, adjoining the State's border with Myanmar, is part of the five-pass trek that the villagers have mapped around Vijaynagar in coordination with the Changlang district administration. The other four trek routes lead to Gphuka perched at 3,111 metres, Chaukan at 2,419 metres, and Hukawng and Siddi, both 2,110 metres.

The road – more of a dirt track – to Vijaynagar has existed after a team of the Assam Rifles, India's oldest paramilitary force, discovered the place in 1961. Major-General A.S. Guraya, who led the team, named the place after his son Vijay.

The road could not be upgraded because much of it passes through the 1,985-sq.km Namdapha National Park and Tiger Reserve. Consequently, local people depended either on the occasional flight operated by the armed forces from an advanced landing ground in Vijaynagar or the rare off-road vehicle sturdy enough to withstand the trip.

Down history lane: The road to Vijaynagar was discovered by a team of the Assam Rifles in 1961. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

For essentials, the people have relied primarily on porters who take five to seven days to walk from Miao with loads on their heads. The porterage made each commodity expensive, up to 1,500% over the maximum retail price.

In December 2018, the Pema Khandu government in the State unveiled a project to link Vijaynagar with a motorable road. A long monsoon, officials said, came in the way of completing the project.

"The road is almost completed barring the black-topping of a stretch of about 25 km. We expect tourists to visit the Vijaynagar area, arguably the most unexplored part of the country, once the road becomes motorable for adventure seekers," Changlang's Deputy Commissioner Sunny K. Singh told *The Hindu*.

Tourism project

On September 29, he led a team of bureaucrats and local people to explore the trek routes and form a committee comprising villages nearest to these routes for a long-term tourism project.

"This entails adoption of a trek route by a village and taking care of everything from clearing certain patches, carving steps, building toilets, resting places, setting up homestays and other facilities that adventure tourists need. We are providing them assistance such as trekking equipment worth ₹1 lakh to each village through sports firms," Mr. Singh said.

Vijaynagar-based Ronit Rana, anticipating a steady flow of tourists after the road is completed, said the trek routes and other destinations – all accessible on foot – have been classified from "easy" to "very tough" that only the fittest can attempt.

"Mugafi is just 40 km from Vijaynagar, but the trip offering alpine meadows, orchid trails and birding, is very challenging over five days. We are sure the effort would be worth it for tourists," he said.

Among the other destinations charted are the "easy" eight-hour trek from Vijaynagar to Preetnagar Lake and the "average" one-day trek to the Hornbill Camp in Namdapha.

PERTH

Japan and Australia ink security agreement with an eye on China

Australia and Japan agreed to share sensitive intelligence and deepen defence cooperation on Saturday, signing a security pact to counter China's military rise. Prime Ministers Fumio Kishida and Anthony Albanese inked the accord in the Western Australian city of Perth revamping a 15-year-old statement. REUTERS

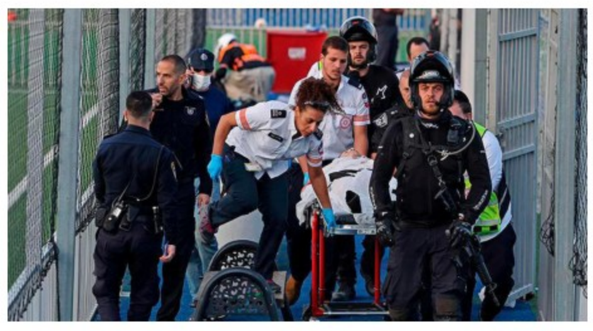
HONG KONG

Three young activists jailed under Hong Kong national security law

Three young Hong Kong activists were jailed on Saturday under a Beijing-imposed national security law. The activists from the now-disbanded group Student Politicism, aged 19 to 21, were accused of making speeches and handing out leaflets urging the public to overthrow the Chinese communist regime. AFP

JERUSALEM

Palestinian man shot dead; Israeli stabbed in Jerusalem



Soldiers shot dead a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank on Saturday, hours after a knife attack in east Jerusalem left an Israeli man in a serious condition. Violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has surged in recent months, amid an uptick in anti-Israeli attacks and near daily raids by Israeli forces in West Bank. AFP

ANKARA

Turkey's Erdogan proposes vote on right to wear Islamic headscarf

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan proposed a nationwide vote on guaranteeing a woman's right to wear a headscarf in state institutions and universities. The subject is important for devout Muslim Erdogan, whose Islamic-rooted ruling party lifted a ban on wearing the hijab in state institutions in 2013. AFP

China's party amends Constitution boosting the 'core' status of Xi

All members are now obligated to follow the 'leadership core', says the congress-approved Constitution, referring to President Xi Jinping

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's Communist Party on Saturday ended its once-in-five-year congress approving changes to its Constitution that have further enshrined leader Xi Jinping's unchallenged "core" status.

The changed Constitution said it is now "an obligation for all party members" to "follow the leadership core", referring to Mr. Xi, who was declared a "core" leader when the Constitution was last amended at the previous congress in 2017.

The amendments have now made it "an obligation" for all party members to "uphold" Mr. Xi's "core" status. As Saturday's resolution put it, the "revisions will help all party members uphold and strengthen the Central Committee's centralised, unified leadership and enhance cohesion and forge the party's soul with Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era," referring to Mr. Xi's eponymous ideology that was already written into the Constitution in 2017.

Consolidating power: Xi Jinping at the end of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China on Saturday. GETTY IMAGES

'Two establishes'

An amendment has now added what the party calls "two establishes" and "two upholds" to ensure Mr. Xi's "core" status in the Constitution. It said "establishing... Xi Jinping's core position on the Party Central Committee and in the party as a whole and establishing the guiding role of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era has enabled the party to successfully resolve the acute problems and challenges undermining its long-term governance".

"All party members must acquire a deep understanding of the decisive significance of this major achievement, more conscientiously uphold Comrade Xi Jinping's core position on the Party Central Committee and in the party as a whole and uphold the Central Committee's authority and its centralised, unified leadership," the resolution said.

Another amendment called for "carrying forward our fighting spirit and building up our fighting ability", referring to China's more assertive diplomacy under General Secretary Xi.

Common prosperity

It has also included some of Mr. Xi's key campaigns, such as "common prosperity", which has been aimed at reducing inequality and also taming the private sector, unleashing several regulatory crackdowns that particularly targeted the tech industry.

The amended Constitution also calls for "resolutely opposing and deterring separatists seeking 'Taiwan independence", sharpening its language on Taiwan.

The Constitution previously only referred to "reunification of the motherland and strengthening unity of all Chinese people, including in Taiwan".

Johnson returns to U.K. to join the fray as Sunak qualifies for PM race

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Saturday returned to Britain from a holiday to launch an audacious political comeback, as Conservative leadership rival Rishi Sunak reached the minimum threshold to contest the U.K.'s top job.

Mr. Johnson cut short a Caribbean trip to join the seemingly three-person race to replace outgoing leader Liz Truss, with allies telling British media he was "up for it".

The divisive 58-year-old Brexit architect only relinquished power in early September, two months after announcing his resignation following a Tory revolt over a slew of scandals.

His apparent bid to return to office just weeks later has already been decried by Opposition politicians, and even some in his own fractured ruling party who argue that both it and the country need stability and unity.

Fresh twist: Boris Johnson arriving at the Gatwick Airport in London from the Caribbean on Saturday after Liz Truss' exit. AP

"We've got to go forward, not go back," Dominic Raab – Mr. Johnson's Deputy Prime Minister – told *Sky News*, adding an imminent parliamentary inquiry into the "Partygate" scandal that dogged his former boss could prove too distracting.

Mr. Raab said former Finance Minister Mr. Sunak's economic experience meant he was the "standout candidate".

Late on Friday, Mr. Sunak's allies in parliament revealed he had garnered the nominations of 100 Conservative MPs, the threshold set by the party to stand.

However, both Mr. Sunak and Mr. Johnson are yet to announce they are running, with reports that a declaration by the former Finance Minister was imminent on Saturday.

Cabinet member Penny Mordaunt, who just missed out on making the final runoff after Mr. Johnson quit, was the first to formally unveil her candidacy.

The contest will see the Conservatives' 357 MPs hold a vote on Monday on any candidates with the 100 nominations, before a possible online ballot of party members later in the week if two remain.

Imran Khan contests Pakistan EC's order in court

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Saturday challenged in Islamabad High Court (IHC) the top election body's decision to disqualify him from holding public office for five years in the Toshakhana case for hiding proceeds from the sale of gifts he received from foreign leaders.

Mr. Khan lost membership of the parliament, as well as, was barred from contesting elections for five years.

The IHC accepted the appeal but observed that the matter was not urgent to be dealt with on the same day as the application was filed and set the hearing on Monday.

Pro-Russian officials order evacuation of Kherson residents

Associated Press
KYIV

Russian-installed authorities ordered all residents of the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson to leave "immediately" on Saturday ahead of an expected advance by Ukrainian troops waging a counteroffensive to recapture one of the first urban areas Russia took after invading the country.

In a post on the Telegram messaging service, the regional pro-Kremlin administration called on civilians to use boat crossings over a major river to move deeper into Russian-held territory, citing a tense situation on the front and the threat of shelling and alleged "terror attacks" by Kyiv.

Elsewhere, hundreds of thousands of people in central and western Ukraine woke up on Saturday to power outages and periodic bursts of gunfire, as Ukrainian air defense tried to shoot down drones and incoming missiles.

Evacuees from Kherson arrive by ferry in a Russian-controlled town on Saturday. REUTERS

Ukraine's air force said that Russia had launched "a massive missile attack" targeting "critical infrastructure," adding that it had shot down 18 out of 33 cruise missiles launched from the air and sea.

Iran warns West over claims about drones supply

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Tehran on Saturday warned European countries against "provocative approaches" after they urged a UN probe into Iranian drones the West says Russia is using in Ukraine.

In a letter to the United Nations a day earlier, France, Britain and Germany called for an "impartial" investigation into the matter.

Iran has denied supplying Russia with weapons for use in Ukraine, and Moscow has accused the West of seeking to put "pressure" on Tehran with the allegations. "The Islamic republic of Iran considers the current provocative approaches of the EU and the United Kingdom to be part of a targeted political scenario," Foreign Ministry spokesperson said.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited from the qualified bidders for **Supply of Multi function printer** in KMDS through e-procurement mode using **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of e-governance department. The calendar of bid is briefly as mentioned below:

- Tender Publish Date : **25.10.2022**
- Prebid meeting : **29.10.2022 at 11:30 am**
- Last date for receipt of tender : **14.11.2022 at 17:30**
- Opening of Bids on: **16.11.2022**

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DIPR/CP/2755/Zen/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
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TENDER NOTICE
T.N. No.16 /2022-23/HDO/Dated. 21.10.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender under two cover system through online only** will be received upto **30.11.2022 / 13.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H),C&M, Tiruvannamalai Circle for **CRIDP 2022 - 23 (2 works)** pertaining **Thirupatthur and Kallakurichi (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **29.10.2022** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
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NOTICE

Following is the time Schedule for UP **NEET UG-2022 First round of Online counseling** for Government/Private Medical/Dental Colleges/ Institutions/ University (MBBS/BDS) Courses :-

Date of Online registration	22.10.2022 (From 02:00 PM) to 28.10.2022 (Till 02:00 PM)
Deposition of Registration fee	22.10.2022 (From 02:00 PM) to 28.10.2022
Deposition of Security fee	22.10.2022 (From 02:00 PM) to 30.10.2022
Date of declaration of Merit list	29.10.2022
Date of on-line Choice Filling	01.11.2022 (From 11:00 AM) to 04.11.2022 (Till 02:00 PM)
Declaration of result of seat allotment	4th/5th November 2022
Date for downloading the allotment letters & Admission	07.11.2022 to 11.11.2022

1. For participation in counseling NEET UG-2022 candidates will have to compulsorily register online by depositing **Rs. 2000**/- online through Website **https://upneet.gov.in**
2. Candidates will have to register online by entering their NEET UG-2022 Roll number and Email Id (Used during filling of form NEET UG-2022 Entrance Examination)
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5. During choice filling, candidates should take care and opt for the colleges in which he/she is genuinely interested. After choice filling if seat is allotted, a candidate has to take the admission compulsorily. If admission is not taken then his / her security money will be forfeited.
6. Registered candidates should ensure to lock their choices after the choice filling. If after choice filling the choices are not locked then the choices of such candidates will not be considered for seat allotment process.
7. Candidates who want to avail PwD reservation should obtain Disability Certificate from the designated disability centers authorized by GOI. The certificate issued by any other hospital/board will not be accepted.
8. For further important and detailed information kindly visit the website. **https://upneet.gov.in** & **www.dgmeup.in**

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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER

No.399/DCE/S1/2022-23 Puducherry, dt.21.10.2022

CORRIGENDUM

The following updates / modifications have been incorporated in tender document published by this office vide Tender Inviting Notice No.399/DCE/S1/2022-23, dated 10.10.2022 (Tender I.D. No.2022_ED_11155_1) :

Sl. No.	Page No.	Part No.	Item No. and Title in which the features to be included / amended	Description of the features
1	14	3	Technical Specification and Product Specification – (A) Master Origination – Item (i)	Size of the label will be 15mm (Width) X 80 mm (Length) to incorporate additional security features and QR Code. Authorized Signatory's Signature. 4 (or) more CLR text / characters visible at one point which should be made in conventional mastering. **QR Code and visible Numbering:** The Hologram Labels should have QR Code of size minimum 8mm X 8mm printed at minimum 600 DPI resolution and sequential numbering through UV Curable Inkjet Printer. The QR Code should be easily readable through Mobile Phone, 2D Bar Code Scanner and Handheld devices.
2	16	3	Technical Specifications and Product Specifications - (B) Product Specifications – Sl. No.(5) Mastering Type - Point No.17	"The incorporation of 3D Angular Multiplex Animated Digital Live Color Holography in a prominent place to enable the common man to identify the object without any instrument incorporated by this technology. The object must be visible in natural colour with full 3D depth" mentioned in the tender wherever applicable shall be corrected to read as follows : **"The incorporation of 3D Angular Multiplex Animated Programmed Live Color Holography in a prominent place to enable the common man to identify the object without any instrument incorporated by this technology. The object must be visible in natural colour with full 3D depth.".**
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4	31	5	Price Bid Form – 1.Price Bid for Master Origination (Indicative only) – Type of Master	
5	16	3	Technical Specifications and Product Specifications – (B) Product Specifications – Sl. No.(5) Mastering Type - Point No.21	"4 (or) more point CLR text effect" mentioned in the tender document shall be corrected to read as follows : **"4 (or) more CLR text / characters visible at one point which should be made in conventional mastering."**
6	16	3	Technical Specifications and Product Specifications - (B) Product Specifications - Sl No.(5) Mastering Type - Point No.22	The UV Inkjet Printer mentioned at Point No.22 under the heading : QR Code and visible Numbering shall be corrected as **"UV Curable Inkjet Printer".**
7	17	3	Technical Specifications and Product Specifications - (B) Product Specifications - Sl. No.(6) CUT	"Die Cut with serrated edges and at least 3mm gap on all sides and to make sure that the hologram is completely damaged in the event of removal of the hologram from its original affixed position" mentioned in the tender document shall be corrected to read as follows : **"Die Cut with top and bottom serrated edges and at least 3mm gap on all sides. Security cuts in the form of "T' should be provided at both ends of the hologram to make sure that the hologram is completely damaged in the event of removal of the hologram from its original affixed position".**
8	31	5	Price Bid Form – 1.Price Bid for Master Origination (Indicative only) – Type of Master	"4 (or) more point CLR text effect" mentioned in the tender document shall be corrected to read as follows : **"4 (or) more CLR text / characters visible at one point which should be made in conventional mastering."**
9	-	-	Last Date for submission of Bids	The closing Date and time of receipt of tender / Last date for downloading Tender details / Due date for submission of Tenders online and Last date of submission of Tender form mentioned in the tender document, wherever applicable, shall be corrected to read as : **"03.00 PM on 07.11.2022.**
10	-	-	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	The date and time of opening of Tender / Technical Bids mentioned in the tender document, wherever applicable, shall be corrected to read as : **"04.00 PM on 07.11.2022.**

All other conditions of the tender remain unaltered.

(E. VALLAVAN, I.A.S.)
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No.328/DIP/AD(Press)/2022-23

Grazing animals important in mitigating climate change

Shubashree Desikan

Grazing animals can have a significant impact on the stability of soil carbon in grazing ecosystems, finds a study. Researchers from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (IISc), observed that experimentally removing grazing animals from the ecosystem resulted in higher fluctuations in soil carbon from one year to the next. The research has been published in *PNAS*.

The researchers, with the support of the Himachal Pradesh State government, local authorities and the people of the Kibber village in Spiti, established some fenced plots where grazing animals were excluded and adjacent plots where animals like yak and ibex grazed. Sumanta Bagchi from the Centre for Ecological Sciences and Divecha Centre for Climate Change, IISc, and his students examined soil samples, year after year, over the decade following 2005 when the study began.

Grazers and stability

They found that soil carbon in the fenced plots fluctuated 30%-40% more than that in the plots where animals were allowed to graze.

Grazing ecosystems, such as grasslands, shrublands, and steppes savannahs cover about 10% of India and about 40% of the world, says Dr. Bagchi, in an email to *The Hindu*. Historically, these ecosystem support nearly all megafauna around the world and are home to reptiles, birds, amphibians.

Such "drylands" have been threatened by alternate land use. "Drylands seem to lack a legitimate standing in our policy due to the unfortunate 'wasteland' tag which originated during our colonial past that was enamoured by forests. Many Indian ecologists, including my colleagues, are trying to change this mindset," he says.

Substitute populations

"Grazing ecosystems store carbon in the soil and therefore decarbonise the atmosphere. Large mammals are crucial for all this. Unfortunately, wild mammals are confined to a few parks and reserves. Elsewhere wildlife has long been replaced by domestic livestock," he explains.

The questions that come up are: While this replacement is inevitable for livelihoods and food security, are livestock ecological substitutes of the wild mammals they have displaced? Can livestock provide equivalent carbon services, and how can they be managed? These aspects are missing in current policy on livestock, and we do not have all the answers yet. "We need to protect land which has wildlife and restore degraded lands. We need to better manage livestock," he says.

New Omicron sublineages, recombinants cause cases to spike

In recent weeks, BQ.1 sub-lineages have been emerging in many regions, especially in Europe and the United States; India recently detected BQ.1 in Pune

Bani Jolly
Vinod Scaria

More Omicron sublineages, recombinants

SARS-CoV-2 also has the potential to recombine, and as of date, 49 recombinant lineages have been detected

- Recombinations result in viruses that have a mixed genome, each part of the mix derived from the parent genomes which recombined
- Europe and North America are currently seeing an emergence of Omicron variants, especially BQ.1 and its sublineages
- Meanwhile, a recombinant lineage XBB has been emerging in many regions in Asia
- The XBB lineage has arisen from a recombination of two Omicron sublineages BJ.1 and BA.2.75

- The earliest genome sequence of XBB in global databases was from Kolkata in August 2022
- XBB genomes have been deposited from Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Odisha, West Bengal, and Rajasthan; a majority of them are from Tamil Nadu

Genetic mutations are the drivers of evolution of organisms. Not all mutations are functional. However, the ones with a functional advantage tend to emerge over time than those without. However, viruses rarely could evolve by exchanging large fragments of the genome called recombination. Recombination events are rare and occur when two viruses or lineages co-infect a cell. Recombinations result in viruses that have a mixed genome, each part of the mix derived from the parent genomes which recombined. While most recombinations result in a dysfunctional genome, in rare occurrences, they can bring together the best of two viruses with significant functional advantages resulting in their emergence. Such recombinations are well studied for a number of viruses, including influenza.

Recombinant lineages

SARS-CoV-2 also has the potential to recombine, and a number of recombinant lineages have been observed during the pandemic.

The PANGO network, an open and global consortium of researchers, provides a system for naming different lineages of SARS-CoV-2 and as of date, 49 recombinant lineages of SARS-CoV-2 have been detected and assigned a lineage name.

Recombinant lineage names start with the letter 'X', followed by letters that indicate the order of their detection. XA, a recombinant lineage between B.1.1.7 (Alpha) and B.1.177 lineages of the virus, was the first recombinant lineage of SARS-CoV-2 and was detected in the United Kingdom in early 2021.

Subsequently, recombinant lineages were also detected and designated, including lineage XB, which was detected in the United States, and lineage XC which was detected in Japan and is a recombinant of B.1.1.7 (Alpha) and the AY.29 sublineage of Delta.

It is important to track SARS-CoV-2 recombinant lineages as they could lead to the emergence of a lineage that is better than either of the parent lineages at infecting hosts or the ability to evade immunity elicited by vaccines.

Genomic surveillance for monitoring the emergence and prevalence of lineages is thus central to monitoring variants.

What is XBB lineage

While Europe and North America are currently seeing an emergence of Omicron variants, especially BQ.1 and its sublineages, a recombinant lineage XBB has been emerging in Asia.

This lineage comes out of recombination of two Omicron sublineages BJ.1 and BA.2.75. Early data (yet to be peer-reviewed) suggest that this variant can evade a wide range of monoclonal antibodies as well as protection acquired through vaccination with or without previous infections, including with Omicron. While more research will be needed to conclusively assess the growth advantage of XBB lineage, initial data suggest that the lineage may potentially outcompete previously circulating Omicron sublineages.

While the XBB lineage is present in multiple countries including India, XBB has been significantly emerging concurrently with a surge in COVID-19 infections in Singapore. While Singapore detected its earliest XBB variant in September 2022, XBB and its sublineages account for over 50% of the genomes from Singapore in recent weeks.

While health authorities in Singapore suggest that severe clinical outcomes are not very likely due to XBB, the hospitalisations have increased. It is probably too early to assess the clinical severity at this point.

The earliest genome sequence of XBB in global database was from Kolkata in August 2022. With a total of 94 genomes, India has the highest number of XBB genomes to date.

These genomes have been deposited from multiple States including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka; a majority of them are from Tamil Nadu. Unlike the observations in Singapore, the increasing prevalence of XBB across India has not been associated with a spike in infections yet. Monitoring the prevalence of XBB and its sublineages as well as the number of infections in the country will therefore be essential in the days ahead.

Apart from the recombinant variant XBB, other sub-lineages of Omicron have been emerging across the world.

Of the 300-odd sub-lineages of Omicron in circulation, recent weeks have seen BQ.1 sub-lineages emerging in Europe and the U.S. India has recently detected BQ.1 from Pune.

Key to detection

Genomic surveillance provides the key to detecting and monitoring emerging lineages including recombinant lineages of SARS-CoV-2.

While it is reassuring that vaccination continues to be effective in preventing severe outcomes of COVID-19, additional research efforts will be required to answer pressing questions regarding how these emerging lineages will impact the trajectory of the pandemic. These trying times also calls for wider use of time-tested and effective methods like masks, ventilation, and avoidance of crowding to prevent infections, for the COVID-19 pandemic is still not over.

(Bani Jolly and Vinod Scaria are researchers at the CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology in Delhi. Views expressed are personal.)

Lockdown increased exposure to indoor air pollution

Raj Lal
Ajay Singh Nagpure

During the COVID-19 lockdown, many countries observed historic improvements in ambient air quality. Our study shows that despite the historic improvements in ambient air quality, PM2.5 exposures increased for 65% of Indians and a third of the global population during the lockdown, largely attributed to biomass cooking activity.

Increased exposure

One element of our study was to present India's most comprehensive PM2.5 exposure disparity and environmental justice analysis – this allowed us to assess which demographic groups have the highest PM2.5 exposures. Rural women have the highest levels of air pollution exposure. However, during the lockdown, working-age men and school-going children observed the largest exposure increases.

Given the prevalence of biomass-fueled cookstoves – cow dung, firewood, coal – and people being confined to stay indoors, air pollution exposure must have increased for any biomass-using household.

We introduced and utilised a novel exposure framework that incorporated nationwide time-use data (i.e., how much time people spend doing various activities) with representative microenvironment (e.g., kitchen area, living area, work/school, ambient) PM2.5 concentrations to quantify exposure increases and estimated that 65% of Indians had increased exposures during the lockdown, with average nationwide exposures increasing by 13%, from 116 ug m-3 to 131 ug m-3.

On average Indian women spend 87-89% of their time indoors, whereas men spend 71-73%. The indoor PM2.5 concentration for biomass-user households is 2-20 times higher than their respective outdoor concentration in different Indian states. Before the lockdown, the time-weighted average exposure was comparatively lower as people were spending some of their time in outdoor environments. The shifting of outdoor time to indoor during the lockdown resulted in increased exposures to biomass-fuel emissions.

At risk: Being confined indoors resulted in increased exposures to biomass-fuel emissions. GETTY IMAGES

Exposure across groups

During baseline conditions, working-age rural women have the highest PM2.5 exposures of any demographic, with average exposures of 175 ug m-3, due mainly to exposure to biomass cooking-related emissions. During the lockdown, despite everyone being mandated to stay at home, we still found that working-age women continued to maintain the highest exposures (185 ug m-3).

The other demographic groups that had the highest exposure were working-age men and school-age children, whose average modeled exposures increased by 24% (from 88 ug m-3 to 108 ug m-3) and 18% (from 98 ug m-3 to 115 ug m-3), respectively.

Given that households globally who use biomass cookstoves will have observed increased exposures during lockdown, we extended the framework globally and conservatively estimated that 35% of the global population will have observed increased exposures during the lockdown. This occurred largely in developing economies (Africa, South East Asia) where biomass use is prevalent.

There have been a number of cleaner-cooking initiatives introduced to replace biomass cookstoves. But the finding that PM2.5 exposures increased for the 65% of Indians and a third of the global population during a period of historically clean ambient air quality, re-emphasises the urgent need to further address clean cooking interventions to reduce PM2.5 exposures and in turn improve health outcomes.

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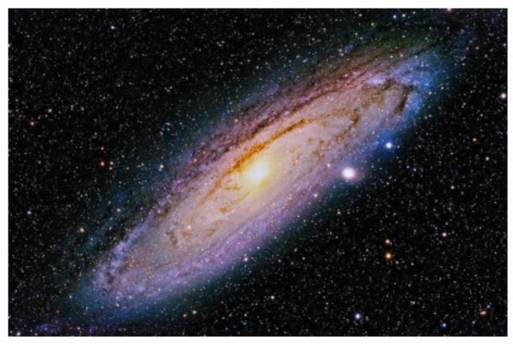
SNAPSHOTS

Asian elephants at risk as they roam outside protected areas

Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) spend most of their time outside protected areas, putting them on a dangerous collision course with people. Researchers put tracking collars on 102 elephants and found that the animals tend to wander out of nature reserves where forests have become very dense to nosh on grasses, bamboo, palms and fast-growing trees in clearer areas. The finding has important implications for the long-term survival of the animals.



Astronomers spot brightest ever explosion in deep space

Astronomers have spotted what they think might be the most powerful explosion ever observed. The explosion is a gamma-ray burst which is known as GRB221009A, which might have been caused by a supernova that left behind a black hole. "Informally, we've been calling it the BOAT – the brightest of all time," says astronomer Jillian Rastinejad. The problem, for scientists, is that the explosion is so bright that it is overwhelming the detectors of gamma-ray telescopes.

Booster shots can protect against future COVID variants

Booster shots against current SARS-CoV-2 variants seem to help the human immune system to fight variants that do not exist yet. This is the implication of two new preprint studies analysing how a booster shot or breakthrough infection affects antibody-producing cells in humans. Some of these cells evolve over time to exclusively create new antibodies that target new strains in the body, whereas others produce antibodies against both new and old strains of SARV-CoV-2.

Question Corner

Chronic diseases

Does sleeping for fewer hours a day increase the risk of chronic diseases?

Getting less than five hours of sleep in mid-to-late life could be linked to an increased risk of developing at least two chronic diseases.
Researchers found that sleep duration of five hours or less at age 50 was associated with 25% increased risk of mortality over the 25 years of follow-up – which can mainly be explained by the fact that short sleep duration increases the risk of chronic disease(s) that in turn increase the risk of death.
People who reported getting five hours of sleep or less at age 50 were 20% more likely to have been diagnosed with a chronic disease and 40% more likely to be diagnosed with two or more chronic diseases over a period of 25 years, compared to people who slept for up to seven hours.
Additionally, sleeping for five hours or less at the age of 50, 60, and 70 was linked to a 30-40% increased risk of multimorbidity when compared with those who slept for up to seven hours (*PLOS Medicine*), says a release by the University College London.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Why users need to wait for 5G implementation

When will customers be able to avail of the high speed internet service? Will they need a new handset?

Yuthika Bhargava

The story so far:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of next generation 5G services in India on October 1. However, nearly three weeks after Mr. Modi launched 5G services in India, the majority of mobile phone users – who have a 5G-enabled handset and are in cities where the services has been launched – may need to wait till December to enjoy the high speed internet.

Which operators have launched 5G, and in which cities?

Currently, two operators, Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio, are offering 5G services in limited cities. While Bharti Airtel has announced commercial rollout of these services in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Siliguri, Nagpur and Varanasi, rival Reliance Jio has started beta trials of these services in Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Varanasi. However, even in these cities, the network is not uniformly available. For example, in Delhi and Chennai, Bharti Airtel 5G services are currently available only in select areas.

While Bharti Airtel has committed to introduce 5G services in the entire country by March 2024, Reliance Jio has promised to "deliver 5G to every town, every taluka, and every tehsil of our country" by December 2023.

For 5G, manufacturers need to undertake conformance and performance tests to make sure that network speed and quality are maintained, which takes time

The third private operator Vodafone Idea is expected to begin the rollout of 5G services soon.

A network rollout is undertaken in phases and will require significant investments by operators. For example, Reliance Jio has announced plans to invest ₹2 lakh crore in the rollout of a nationwide standalone 5G network by December 2023.

Will all smartphone owners be able to use 5G?

No. Only users of 5G capable smartphones will be able to experience these services. Currently, of the total smartphone base of about 600 million, only about 50-60 million handsets are estimated to be 5G smartphones, even though the first 5G smartphone was unveiled in the country two years ago in 2020.

However, even users of these 50-60 million phones have been having trouble latching on to 5G services in the area where it is available. For the phones to start latching on to 5G networks in India, the first thing needed is support for 5G bands such as n1, n12, n78, n28, n58 (these are some of the bands that are expected to work in India). A user can check this by viewing the phone's specification on the manufacturer's website. A single phone can support multiple 5G bands. For phones that support the 5G bands in India, manufacturers need to undertake conformance and performance tests to make sure that network speed and quality are maintained. These tests take time, and hence the delay of a couple of months.

For example, one of the things that the handset makers and operators need to ensure is that the network does not drop when users move from a 5G network area to a 4G network area or vice versa.

According to industry experts, a similar testing process was followed when 4G – predecessor to 5G services – was introduced. However, at that time, handset makers and operators had ample time (about two years) between buying the spectrum in the 2010 auctions and the beginning of 4G rollout.

A note by brokerage firm CLSA notes that while India has concluded 5G auction, globally 5G deployments have stepped up with 210 operators having deployed 5G networks. It added that the worldwide march to 5G accelerated with China launching 5G in 2020. Additionally, while China dominates global 5G base stations count and accounts for about 60% of total 5G base stations deployed globally, Chinese telcos expect to complete nationwide coverage by 2022 end.

What are the manufacturers saying?

Most manufacturers have said that they are working with the operators to roll out an over the air (OTA) update that will enable users to access 5G services.

Apple has said that it is working with "carrier partners in India to bring the best 5G experience to iPhone users as soon as network validation and testing for quality and performance is completed. 5G will be enabled via a software update and will start rolling out to iPhone users in December."

For Samsung and Xiaomi, some devices already offer support for the 5G network. For others, Samsung has committed to rolling out the OTA updates by middle of November 2022, and Xiaomi has said it will begin rollout of OTA Diwali onwards. Google hasn't given a timeline for its devices but has said it is working with operators to enable functionality at the earliest.

Why is Pakistan off FATF 'grey list'?

Has it convicted leaders of terror groups and introduced anti-terror funding laws in line with international requirements? What is the top priority of the Financial Action Task Force? Is India a member? How did it react to the decision?

Suhasini Haidar

The story so far:

On Friday, the Financial Action Task Force, the global watchdog on anti-money laundering and combating financing terrorism (AML/CFT) efforts, announced it would take Pakistan off its "grey list" of countries under "enhanced monitoring", and welcomed what it called Pakistan's "significant progress" in improving legal and government mechanisms. Pakistan, which has been trying to be taken off the list ever since it was listed in February 2018, hailed the decision, and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif thanked Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Army Chief General Qamar Bajwa, both of whom visited the U.S. in recent months, for their diplomatic efforts.

How does FATF work and what do 'grey lists' and 'black lists' refer to?

The 39-member body that was set up in 1989 out of a G-7 meeting of developed nations, is today made up of 37 countries and two regional organisations: the European Commission, the European Union's executive body, and the Gulf Cooperation Council. India joined with 'observer' status in 2006 and became a full member of FATF in 2010. According to its mission statement, FATF members meet regularly to monitor various countries, "review money laundering and terrorist financing techniques and counter-measures; and promote the adoption and implementation of the FATF Recommendations globally". The decision-making body of the FATF or Plenary meets thrice a year, in February, June and October, to take stock of "Mutual Evaluation Reports" (MERs) of the countries they review. If a country appears to have major deficiencies in its AML/CFT regime, it is put on a list of "jurisdictions under increased monitoring" or what is called the "grey list", and if it fails to address FATF concerns it is put on a "high-risk jurisdictions" list, called the "black list". Countries on both lists are subject to increasing levels of financial strictures, as the listing is like a global rating, and makes it difficult to procure loans from financial organisations like the IMF/World Bank, ADB etc., as well as to invite investment from private companies and other countries.

After an on-site visit to Pakistan that took place from August 31 to September 2, the FATF concluded that Pakistan's statements were reflected in measures 'on the ground'

During the recent plenary session on October 20-21, FATF countries, including India, reviewed the record of about 26 countries, and agreed unanimously to take Pakistan and Nicaragua off the "grey list", add The Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique and Tanzania to the "grey list", while moving Myanmar from the "grey list" to the black list for actions taken by the military junta since they overthrew the government in a coup last February.

Why was Pakistan removed from the 'grey list'?

Deliberations of the FATF are made in complete secrecy, and decisions are meant to be made strictly on the basis of technicalities and procedure, so the grey listing of Pakistan has to be seen in the totality of the process and measures it has undertaken. Pakistan was also on the "grey list" from 2012-2015, when FATF had mandated many steps. Since 2018, it has been handed two action plans, comprising 34 points (27+7), asking Islamabad to bring in laws on money laundering, and anti-terror laws in line with international requirements. Pakistan also had to maintain a database of terror groups operating on its soil and the actions taken against them. This was a far cry from previous decades, when terror groups like al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and Jaish-e-Mohammad operated quite freely, and designated terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar addressed public rallies and even took part in political processes.

What was the sticking point?

While Pakistan has completed many tasks, a major sticking point remained: In June 2021, then FATF President Marcus Pleyer had asked Islamabad to address the last remaining item by "demonstrating that terror finance investigations and [the] prosecution target senior leaders and commanders of UN-designated groups". Under UNSC guidelines, member states must ensure that all designated terrorists don't have access to funds, arms and travel, and that all such terrorists are effectively prosecuted.

In the last year, much of Pakistan's FATF reporting has been about bringing those terrorists, including Hafiz Saeed, 26/11 commander Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi, 26/11 planner Sajid Mir, IC-814 hijacking planner Rauf Asghar to court – and a conviction. However, Pakistan claimed it couldn't trace JeM chief Masood Azhar, wanted for a number of attacks from the 2001 Parliament attack and the J&K legislature bombing to strikes on military camps at Uri, Pathankot and the Pulwama bombing in 2019. It submitted to the FATF that he was believed to be operating from Afghanistan, a claim the Taliban denied. At the June plenary session, the FATF decided Pakistan was ready for an on-site visit that took place from August 31-September 2, and concluded that Pakistan's reporting was reflected in measures "on the ground". Having followed this procedure, it was only to be expected that at the October plenary, Pakistan would earn a reprieve, and even some praise from the FATF president for completing its action plans.

What has been India's response?

India is a member, and hence party to all FATF decisions that are made by consensus. As a result, it also agreed to the decision to take Pakistan off the list, conceding in a statement that due to the FATF, Pakistan had been "forced" to take "some action against well-known terrorists", including those involved in the Mumbai 26/11 attacks.

However, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi indicated that India would have liked more global checks on Pakistan, saying, "It is in global interest that the world remains clear that Pakistan must continue to take credible, verifiable, irreversible and sustained action against terrorism and terrorist financing emanating from territories under its control." Officials say another reason for some unease is that the United States, which has been a consistent partner in demanding action on terrorism from Pakistan, appears to have become more lenient in the last few months, after a new government headed by Mr. Shehbaz Sharif took office, and particularly given reports of Pakistan support to the U.S. on counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan including the recent drone killing of al-Qaeda chief Ayman al- Zawahiri.

The Narendra Modi government is preparing for India's turn at FATF scrutiny or MER process, set to begin in early 2023, which it hopes will be a smooth process. In July this year, while introducing the Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful activities) Amendment, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar told Parliament that India had to take its international commitments on WMD seriously, both at the UN Security Council, and FATF recommendations which had "mandated provisions against financing in relation to WMDs".

Constant vigilance: FATF's decision-making body or Plenary meets thrice a year to take stock of Mutual Evaluation Reports of countries they review. AP

When does RBI step in to monitor a bank?

Why has the Reserve Bank of India increased its oversight on Dhanlaxmi Bank? What are the reasons for the Thrissur-based private bank's assets to be under stress? According to Basel-III norms, what is the capital to risk ratio a bank is required to maintain? What lies ahead?

Prashanth Perumal

The story so far:

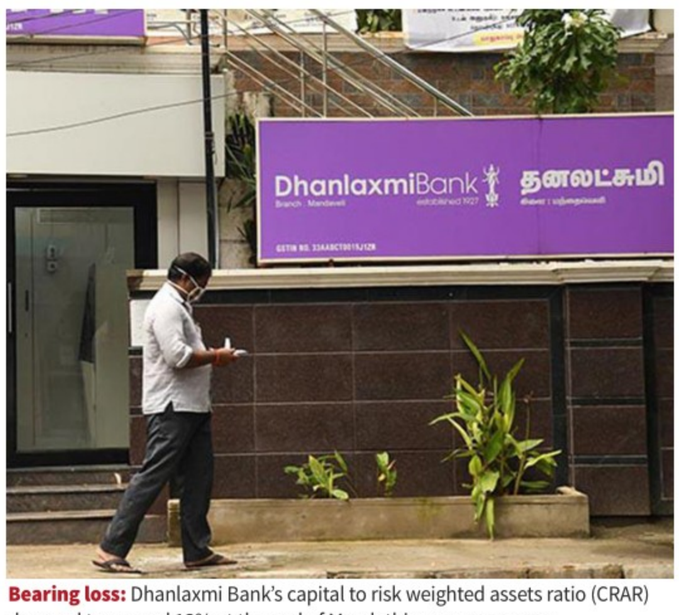
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has placed Dhanlaxmi Bank under tight monitoring with the Thrissur-based private bank's financial position coming under greater public scrutiny. The RBI's move comes in the wake of the intense court battle waged by a group of minority shareholders against the bank's management team over inadequate financial disclosures, rising expenses, and general mismanagement of the business. On Thursday, the bank noted that minority shareholders have called for an extraordinary general meeting next month to decide on restricting the spending powers of the current chief executive officer owing to the deteriorating capital adequacy situation of the bank.

How did it get to this situation?

Dhanlaxmi Bank's capital to risk weighted assets ratio (CRAR) dropped to around 13% at the end of March this year from 14.5% a year ago, prompting the RBI to take stock of the financial health of the bank. Under Basel-III norms, which were adopted by financial regulators across the globe in the aftermath of the financial crisis of 2007-08 that involved major failures in the banking system, banks are supposed to maintain their CRAR at 9% or above. The RBI's move to increase its oversight on Dhanlaxmi Bank is seen as a response to the deterioration in the bank's capital adequacy. It should be noted that Dhanlaxmi Bank's capital adequacy has dropped below the stipulated standards in the past and it has even been placed under the prompt corrective action framework (PCA) by the RBI to deal with serious deteriorations in its financial position.

The write-down and reclassification of tier-2 bonds in the next few months is expected to adversely affect the bank's capital adequacy ratio

Under the PCA, the RBI places restrictions on lending by troubled banks and keeps a close eye on them until their financial position improves sufficiently. Dhanlaxmi Bank has been accused by its minority shareholders of mismanagement in the wake of the decision of the management to expand the bank to new geographies amid an unexpected rise in expenses. The management has also been accused of inadequate disclosure of information to explain the rise in costs.



Bearing loss: Dhanlaxmi Bank's capital to risk weighted assets ratio (CRAR) dropped to around 13% at the end of March this year. FILE PHOTO

Why is capital adequacy important for a bank?

Capital adequacy ratio is an indicator of the ability of a bank to survive as a going business entity in case it suffers significant losses on its loan book. A bank cannot continue to operate if the total value of its assets drops below the total value of its liabilities as it would wipe out its capital (or net worth) and render the bank insolvent. So, banking regulations such as the Basel-III norms try to closely monitor changes in the capital adequacy of banks in order to prevent major bank failures which could have a severe impact on the wider economy. The capital position of a bank should not be confused with cash held by a bank in its vaults to make good on its commitment to depositors.

The CRAR, which is a ratio that compares the value of a bank's capital (or net worth) against the value of its various assets weighted according to how risky each asset is, is used to gauge the risk of insolvency faced by a bank. The riskier a type of asset held in a bank's balance sheet, the higher the weightage given to the value of the asset while calculating the bank's capital adequacy ratio. This causes the capital adequacy ratio of the bank to drop, thus signalling a higher risk of insolvency during crises. In other words, the CRAR tries to gauge the risk posed to the solvency of the bank by the quality or riskiness of the assets on the bank's balance sheet. In the case of Dhanlaxmi Bank, the write-down and reclassification of tier-2 bonds, which are considered effectively to be equivalent to equity capital since they are unsecured, in the next few months is expected to adversely affect the bank's capital adequacy ratio.

What happens next?

Dhanlaxmi Bank has been trying to issue additional shares in the open market through a rights issue in order to deal with its capital adequacy woes. Through a rights issue, the bank will be able to raise more equity capital from existing shareholders. This is in contrast to an initial public offering where shares are issued to new shareholders. The additional capital could help in raising the bank's capital adequacy ratio which is necessary to comply with regulations and serve as a buffer that absorbs any losses incurred by the bank on its loan book in the case of any crisis in the future.

The rights issue, however, has been delayed by the ongoing court battle with minority shareholders and the bank's non-compliance with rules regarding the composition and strength of the management board. This delay could compromise the bank's ability to meet the RBI's stipulated norms on capital adequacy anytime soon.

The RBI is likely to keep a close eye on Dhanlaxmi Bank over the next few months as the bank's ability to meet capital adequacy norms comes under greater strain. The central bank may even decide to intervene in case the delay of the rights issue threatens the bank's ability to comfortably meet the capital adequacy norms recommended under Basel-III regulations. In fact, Dhanlaxmi Bank could even become an acquisition target in case its management is unable to raise the required capital. In such a case, an investor with the capital required to immediately boost the bank's capital adequacy may well find favour with the RBI.

PROFILES

The marathon man

Mallikarjun Kharge

An Ambedkarite-Buddhist who has been with the Congress for over five decades, Kharge is taking over the leadership at a time when the party, rattled by defeats, disunity and revolts, is desperately looking for a national revival

Sobhana K. Nair

Mallikarjun Kharge has had a niggling knee pain for the last few years making him walk in an awkward shuffle. The soreness that hobbles him is an obvious fallout of the five-decade-long political marathon he has been running since he joined the Congress in 1969. On Wednesday, he was elected as the Congress president, the first non-Gandhi to lead the grand old party in 24 years. For Mr. Kharge, it is time to brace for another sprint.

Since his victory, many have already written him off as a rubber stamp of the Gandhis or a placeholder president. He will formally take over the position on October 26 and it remains to be seen whether these dismal predictions come true. But even his worst critics respect Mr. Kharge's political stamina. His unvanquished electoral record (nine consecutive terms in the Karnataka Assembly, followed by two terms in the Lok Sabha) earned him the title '*sol illada sardara*' (a leader without defeat) and yet, he is not considered a pan-Karnataka mass leader. "It is the longevity of his career more than anything else that has helped him attain the positions he has held in the Congress," said a Karnataka Congress leader, who did not wish to be named.

Mr. Kharge has had an impeccable career which remained largely unmarked by controversies. Conversely, many point out that it also means that he is deeply risk-averse, which on one hand helped him gain the Congress first family's trust and on the other, kept the Karnataka Chief Minister's chair out of his reach.

Mr. Kharge is an Ambedkarite Buddhist and the Congress was not his first choice. He began his political journey with the Republican Party of India. Karnataka Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs spotted him and convinced him to join the Congress, arguing that he could make a difference if he became part of the ruling party. He joined the Congress in 1969, a critical time for the party and the country. The March 1967 general elections were the last time when polls for Parliament and the State Assemblies were held simultaneously. The Congress was voted out in nine states – Punjab, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Goa, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. At the centre, it lost nearly 100 seats when its tally came down to 283.

Under S. Nijalingappa, who was the last Congress president from Karnataka, the party had split into two factions– the Congress (Requisitionists) with Indira Gandhi at its helm and the Congress (O), representing the old or the syndicate group. Indira Gandhi walked out of the party taking the larger chunk with her. For the younger lot like the then 27-year-old Kharge, who stayed with Indira's Congress, this also meant better political prospects without the unassailable hierarchical columns of the old Congress. He has patiently risen through the ranks of the party.

Mr. Kharge first contested the Karnataka State Assembly elections in 1972 and won from Gurmitkal constituency. In 1979, his mentor Devraj Urs appointed him as Minister of State for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. A year later when Urs was forced out of the party over differences with Indira Gandhi, Mr. Kharge lingered for a few weeks before crossing over to the Indira camp, perhaps the only minor glitch in his relationship with party's first family. He has served as a Minister in five Cabinets led by different Chief Ministers, including Urs and his best friend Dharam Singh. Singh and Mr. Kharge together were called the 'Gulbarga twins' for their camaraderie.

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The chair that evaded him

The enduring regret of his life, though, is that he could never fulfil his ambition to be the first Dalit Chief Minister of Karnataka, missing the post at least thrice by a whisker. In the 1994-99 Karnataka Assembly, Mr. Kharge was the Leader of Opposition, but when the Congress won the election in 1999, S.M. Krishna was chosen as Chief Minister. As a consolation prize, Mr. Kharge was made the State Home Minister. In 2004, the decision to pick the Chief Minister lay with ally Janata Dal (Secular) president H.D. Deve Gowda, who backed Dharam Singh over Mr. Kharge for the simple reason: Singh didn't have a potential vote bank like the one Mr. Kharge could command.

As the State party president in 2008, he had a clear shot at the Chief Minister's chair, but the party lost the elections. In 2013, when the Congress came back to power with a majority, once again, Mr. Kharge was in the running, but Siddaramaiah was made the CM. The Congress leadership mollified Mr. Kharge by giving him the Railway Ministry at the Centre.

In all these episodes, he was never seen revolting against the Gandhi family, which earned him their respect. "He never discloses his enemies. Even when he lost out the Chief Minister's race, he never openly expressed dissatisfaction," another Karnataka Congress leader said.

Mr. Kharge was never seen as a 'disruptor', something his opponent in the party presidential elections Shashi Tharoor emphasised during the campaign. Mr. Tharoor said a vote for Mr. Kharge would be a vote for status quo. Many non-Congress Opposition leaders agreed with this view.

The 2019 Lok Sabha polls is the only blot on Mr. Kharge's unbroken record of electoral victories. He lost the Gulbarga constituency to former Congress MLA Umesh G. Jhadav, who contested on a BJP ticket, by over 95,000 votes. Mr. Kharge blamed the BJP for orchestrating his defeat since he, as the Congress floor leader between 2014 and 2019 strongly opposed the BJP. Mr. Jhadav begs to differ. "Barring Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, no high profile leader came to campaign for me," Mr. Jhadav said. He blames "*putra moh*" for the debacle. In 2016, Mr. Kharge's son Priyank Kharge was made a Minister, overlooking many contenders, including Mr. Jhadav. "It is not Mr. Kharge, it is those surrounding him who were responsible for the 2019 defeat. They put up many barriers around him, stopping people from reaching out to him," Mr. Jhadav said.

Humble beginnings

Mr. Kharge's journey from what he was born into, what he endured and who he became, is awe-inspiring for many. He was born in a poor family at Varavatti in Bidar district on July 21, 1942 and when he was six years old, his mother and siblings died in a fire during riots. A mill worker's son, Mr. Kharge graduated in Law and practised for some time before taking the plunge into politics.

Mr. Kharge is also the founder-chairman of Siddharth Vihar Trust that has built the Buddha Vihar complex in Kalaburagi. Married to Radhabai since May 13, 1968, they have two daughters and three sons. According to his two-time MLA son Priyank Kharge, their father has always been a disciplinarian who brought up his children on a healthy dose of Ambedkarite-Buddhist philosophy. "He is an avid reader, with a wonderful quality of willingness to learn by himself. He doesn't hesitate to ask questions or to concede his ignorance. He is a plain speaker, who doesn't mince his words," Mr. Priyank Kharge added. Mr. Kharge's "willingness to learn" would come in handy in his new assignment as the Congress president, where both challenges and opportunities await him at a time when the party is going through a weak phase rattled by defeats, disunity and revolts.

THE GIST

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Open to different voices

Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

The next CJI says isolation in the name of judicial independence could be a double-edged sword for judges

Krishnadas Rajagopal

It was an evening at the Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi) campus. Supreme Court judge, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, was listening intently to a student's question. The query was both simple and tricky. Simple, if you are honest. Tricky, if you beat around the bush. The student wanted to know about judicial bias. Justice Chandrachud characteristically took the honest route. He said a judge has to first accept his or her own bias. This acceptance is the first step towards fairness on the Bench.

Justice Chandrachud's spirit of self-search and self-reproach, necessary for a man who has been summoned to interpret or very often shape the law, may be the product of years of study, introspection and, of course, a unique legacy.

The Chief Justice-designate of India has, as many view, enjoyed a head-start. His father, Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, was one of the longest serving Chief Justices of India. A young Chandrachud must have observed his father's work from very close quarters, especially during the tumultuous times of Emergency, shortly after which he became the 16th CJI.

Justice Chandrachud believes that isolation in the name of judicial independence could be a double-edged sword for judges. The secret was to strike a balance between solitude and a detached sociability.

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He disclosed his habit of reading narratives which were not "mainstream discourse". "Reading across disciplines is one very important way that we (judges) don't lose touch with reality. A judge should open his mind to different voices, only then would the thought process get refined," he had said.

Erosion of democracy

Justice Chandrachud sets great store in a judge's ability to foresee democratic erosion. He says the subversion of constitutional democracy does not happen with sweeping changes but through very small, incremental changes, which if left unguarded open up the danger of eventually and cumulatively affecting the democratic polity. "No case is too small... even if the case deals with the free speech of one individual". A judge, he said, should read a case not just through the eyes or the mind, but also through intuition and go beyond the legalese to spot the human problem lying hidden somewhere among the pages.

It is this ability to travel beyond the strict confines of law that led to Justice Chandrachud's judgment recognising privacy as a fundamental right and his historic dissent of the Aadhaar policy. While upholding the rights of activists in the Bhima Koregaon case, the Justice said persecution was not the answer to dissent. "Voices in opposition cannot be muzzled".

One of the prominent themes of Justice Chandrachud's judgments have been women's rights. He once said his views were forged by his early days on the Bench at Bombay High Court sitting with Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai and dinner discussions at home.

In the Hadiya case, the judge held that a person's right to choose a religion and marry as an intrinsic part of her meaningful existence. Justice Chandrachud broke the glass ceiling in a judgment decriminalising adultery by championing the sexual autonomy of women within marriage. In his Sabarimala judgment, he held that women of menstrual age had the right to enter the temple while holding that customs which violate fundamental rights cannot claim immunity.

Recently, Justice Chandrachud declared that unmarried women with 20 to 24 weeks of pregnancy should get the same access to safe and legal abortion as married women.

An Economics (Honours) graduate from St. Stephen's College in New Delhi. Justice Chandrachud obtained his LLM degree and a Doctorate in Juridical Sciences (SJD) from Harvard Law School, U.S. He began his judicial career as a judge of the Bombay High Court and was later appointed Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court. He was appointed judge of the Supreme Court on May 13, 2016.

Justice Chandrachud will take over as the top judge of the country on November 9.

Chronicler of dark days

Shehan Karunatilaka

This year's Booker Prize winner says as he wasn't brave enough to talk about the present, he chose to write about the ghosts of Sri Lanka's past

Sudipta Datta

A novel about Sri Lanka's traumatic past has won the Booker Prize for 2022 even as the world is watching a traumatic present unfold in the island nation. Shehan Karunatilaka's second novel, *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida*, a decade after his prize-winning debut *Chinaman*, moved the judges for taking readers straight to "the world's dark heart - the murderous horrors of civil war Sri Lanka of the late 1980s-90," but once there, also providing glimpses of "tenderness and beauty, love and loyalty, and the pursuit of an ideal that justify every human life".

Seven Moons, a first-person narrative written in second person, revolves around the story of a war photographer, Maali Almeida (his father is Sinhalese, mother Burgher and they are not together any more), who wakes up dead one day, and wants to know how he got there. Besides solving the whodunnit, he also wants to tie up some loose ends and ensure that a bunch of damning photographs he has stored under a bed reaches the right hands. His ghostly self has seven moons to be able to finish that work before he disappears into a "bureaucratic afterlife with an absent god." In life, he had been caught in a love triangle with a girl, Jacqueline Vairavanathan or Jaki, and a boy, Dilan or DD, son of Stanley Dharmendran, the only Tamil Minister in the Sri Lanka Cabinet.

ILLUSTRATION: SREEJITH R KUMAR

In an interview to *thebookerprizes.com*, the 47-year-old writer said after the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka, in 2009, he wanted to write about it. There was a debate over how many civilians died and whose fault it was. But Karunatilaka didn't feel "brave enough to write about the present", so he went back 20 years, "to the dark days of 1989". There was an ethnic war, the LTTE was dominant, there was a Marxist uprising, the Indian Army too had made an appearance, and there were state-sponsored counter-terror squads.

In Karunatilaka's words, "It was a time of assassinations, disappearances, bombs and corpses. By the end of the 1990s, most of the antagonists were dead, so I felt safer to write about these ghosts, rather than those closer to the present." In the novel, Maali makes a cheatsheet for an American journalist confused by all the abbreviations, from LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) to JVP (Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna) and STF (Special Task Force), and adds lines of caution, "Don't try and look for the good guys 'cause there ain't none."

Gallows humour

Asked how did he write a book which is "angrily comic", despite the grim background, Karunatilaka quipped that Sri Lanka specialises in "gallows humour, [we make] jokes in the face of our crises. Laughter is clearly our coping mechanism". When Maali asks a fellow ghost what are the rules in afterlife, he is told: "No rules, Sir. Like Down There. You make your own." In his ghostly existence, Maali, who is gay, can float about only when someone mentions his name.

It has been a great year for the subcontinent, with Geetanjali Shree too winning the International Booker Prize for *Tomb of Sand* (translated by Daisy Rockwell). Karunatilaka is the second Sri Lankan to be awarded the Booker Prize after Michael Ondaatje in 1992 (*The English Patient*). Like India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, Sri Lanka has a rich tradition of authors writing in English, from the late Carl Muller, who was also outrageously funny, to Romesh Gunesekera, Shyam Selvadurai, Andrew Fidel Fernando and others; last year, Anuk Arudpragasam's *A Passage North*, also set in the backdrop of the civil war, was shortlisted for the Booker.

The Booker judges heaped praises on *Seven Moons* for its "ambition... and the hilarious audacity of its narrative techniques," saying the thriller "dissolves the boundaries not just of different genres, but of life and death, body and spirit, east and west." In his acceptance speech, Karunatilaka said through his fiction he wanted to convey that ideas of corruption, race-baiting and cronyism have not worked in Sri Lanka and never will. People of many other countries will relate to this sentiment.

INBRIEF

SEBI bars Bombay Dyeing, Ness Wadia for up to 2 years

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has barred 10 entities, including Bombay Dyeing & Manufacturing Company Limited and its promoters – Nusli N. Wadia, Ness Wadia and Jehangir Wadia – from the securities markets for up to two years, and levied a fine totalling ₹15.75 crore on them for being involved in a 'fraudulent scheme of misrepresenting' the company's financial statements. PTI

Dhanteras weekend may see ₹40,000 cr. of business: CAIT

About ₹40,000 crore of business is expected to be generated this Dhanteras, which is spread over the weekend, on the back of positive consumer sentiment, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) said on Saturday.

Dhanteras, the first day of Diwali, is considered auspicious to buy new items, especially gold, silver jewellery, all kinds of utensils, kitchenware, vehicles, clothes and readymade garments, electronics, electrical goods, among others. PTI

Auto dealers expect record deliveries on Dhanteras

Rebounding after two pandemic-hit years, automobile dealers expect a bumper sale of two- and four-wheelers during the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras this year.

Dealers expect a rush for automobiles across categories. Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA) President Manish Raj Singhania said dealers are sitting on a record number of bookings this festive season and most customers are insisting on deliveries on Dhanteras. PTI

'External sector pressures emerging as fresh challenges'

No time for celebrations and complacency, despite India's robust growth and better management of inflation so far in 2022-23, Finance Ministry says in monthly economic review

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Expect respite: With no further weather extremities, retail inflation is expected to cool in the rest of the fiscal. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The rupee has performed relatively well in the first half of this year, though signals of further interest rate increases from the U.S. Federal Reserve could raise pressure on the currency to depreciate further, making imports costlier even as exports may crawl, the Finance Ministry said on Saturday.

External sector pressures from the soaring dollar, higher interest rates and external financing are emerging as new challenges to India's macroeconomic stability, the Ministry said, noting this is 'no time for celebrations and complacency' despite India's robust growth and better management of inflation so far in 2022-23. Forex reserves are sufficient despite a rapid fall, it said. Retail inflation has 'remained stable' and averaged 7.2% between April and September, lower than the 8% median inflation of major economies, the Ministry said, adding that the spike in September's inflation to 7.41% was driven by what 'appears to be mainly seasonal' increase in food prices. "In the absence of any further weather extremities, retail inflation is expected to trend lower in the rest of the fiscal year," it said in the monthly economic review for September.

The Ministry said the rupee declined 5.4% versus the dollar between April and September, compared with 8.9% depreciation of six major currencies.

However, a chart shared in the review pegged the U.S. dollar's appreciation against the rupee at 6.5%.

GST has begun to deliver, State finances are healthier: FinMin

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Average monthly GST revenue in the first half of FY23 was about ₹25,000 crore more than last year

India's five-year old Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime has started delivering 'dividends' and States' finances are in better shape this year, but a higher subsidy burden on fertilizers and free food grains under the extended PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) could 'stress' government finances, the Finance Ministry said on Saturday.

"Buoyant tax revenue receipts are, however, expected to absorb the higher subsidy burden," the Ministry said, noting that the surge in fertiliser subsidy spending and extension of the PMGKAY could raise non-plan revenue expenditure but was aimed at reducing the burden of soaring inflation on consumers.

'₹1.49 lakh cr. a month'

Emphasising that GST revenues had been robust, averaging ₹1.49 lakh crore monthly during the first half of 2022-23, almost ₹25,000 crore more than last year, the Ministry in its economic review of September said that 'GST collections have started paying dividends now'.

"Significant pick-up in consumption has resulted in a more-than-proportionate jump in GST revenues; a more robust economic recovery could allow the collections to settle at an elevated level, proving the high revenue productivity of the broad-based consumption," it averred.

Overall revenue generation has helped keep pace with the Budget's fiscal deficit target of 6.4% of GDP, it said. A focus on capital expenditure and rationalising spending through digitisation is 'expected to create necessary fiscal space to support the vulnerable sections', it added.

'States' deficits fell'

"There is evidence of an improvement in States' finances, with the gross fiscal deficit of states declining by 69.6% in Q1 of 2022-23 over the corresponding period of the previous year, driven by higher revenue receipts and a reduction in revenue expenditure," the Ministry pointed out in the review.

New revenue generation measures had been taken by Uttar Pradesh and Kerala, and power tariff increases effected by at least six States – Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Assam, the Ministry added.

ICICI Bank Q2 net rises 37% on higher NII, lower provisioning

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

ICICI Bank on Saturday said standalone net profit for the quarter ended September 30 climbed 37% to ₹7,558 crore from a year earlier, driven by 26% growth in net interest income (NII) to ₹14,787 crore and a dip in provisioning.

Net interest margin was 4.31% compared with 4%. Core operating profit rose 24% to ₹11,765 crore. Total deposits grew 12% to ₹1,090,008 crore and the overall loan portfolio expanded 23%, the bank said in a filing. Retail loans rose 25% accounting for 54% of the total loan portfolio.

The SME business, targeting borrowers with turnover of less than ₹250 crore, grew 27%.

"The value of credit card spends in Q2 grew 43%," said Sandeep Batra, executive director, ICICI Bank. "The bank has seen healthy growth in retail credit card spends driven by increase in discretionary spending and higher activation rate [via] digital onboarding of customers."

He said provisions (excluding provision for tax) fell 39% to ₹1,644 crore. The provisioning coverage ratio on NPAs was 80.6%.

On Saturday, the bank's board approved the re-appointment of MD & CEO Sandeep Bakhshi for three years from October 4, 2023 to October 3, 2026. His current tenure ends on October 3, 2023.

Yes Bank Q2 net profit slides 32%

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Yes Bank Ltd. reported second-quarter net profit fell 32.2% to ₹152.8 crore from ₹225.50 crore in the year earlier period, largely due to ageing-related provisioning requirements during the quarter.

The bank's advances grew 11% year-on-year, deposits, 13% and the balance sheet expanded 16%.

The gross NPA ratio improved to 12.9% from 15%.

Sport

Forest brings Liverpool's revival to a shuddering halt

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
NOTTINGHAM

Heartbreaker: Former player Awoniyi returned to haunt Liverpool with a winner for Forest. REUTERS

Liverpool's mini-revival came to a crashing halt with a 1-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest, which secured just its second Premier League win for 23 years thanks to Taiwo Awoniyi's goal.

Awoniyi spent six years as a Liverpool player without ever making an appearance as he was farmed out on a series of loan spells, but came back to haunt his former club and move his current employers off the bottom of the table.

Erling Braut Haaland was once again unforgiving in front of goal as his brace ensured that Manchester City sailed past a sprightly Brighton 3-1. Kevin De Bruyne rocket in the second half completed City's tally.

Dominic Calvert-Lewin scored his first goal of the season as Everton ended its three-match losing streak in the Premier League with a 3-0 win over Crystal Palace.

It climbed four spots up to 11th in the table.

The results: Premier League: Nottingham Forest 1 (Awoniyi 55) bt Liverpool 0; Everton 3 (Calvert-Lewin 11, Gordon 63, McNeil 84) bt Crystal Palace 0; Manchester City 3 (Haaland 22, 43-pen, De Bruyne 75) bt Brighton 1 (Trossard 53).

Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund 5 (Bellingham 2, 53, Suele 13, Reyna 44, Moukoko 72) bt VfB Stuttgart 0; Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Diaby 17, Frimpong 76) bt VfL Wolfsburg 2 (Andrich 28-og, Arnold 54-pen); Augsburg 3 (Berisha 34-pen, Demirovic 51, Vargas 64) drew with RB Leipzig 3 (Silva 72, Nkunku 89, Novoa 90); SC Freiburg 2 (Kubler 56, Grifo 80-pen) bt Werder Bremen 0; Hoffenheim 0 lsot to Bayern Munich 2 (Musiala 17, Choupo-Moting 38).

On Friday: Serie A: Juventus 4 (Kean 8, McKennie 56, Rabiot 82, 90+4) bt Empoli 0.

Bundesliga: Mainz 5 (Ingvartsen 11-pen, Kohr 35, Stach 40, Martin 73, Onisiwo 84) bt Cologne 0.

Colombia's redemption continues, enters last four

WOMEN'S U-17 WC

Sports Bureau

Travelling far: After four group stage exits, Colombia made it to the semifinals. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Colombia defeated Tanzania 3-0 in the quarterfinals of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Margao on Saturday.

With the win, its redemption in the tournament – following four group stage exits – continues.

The girls in yellow got the breakthrough within the first three minutes. Colombia's counter-attack ended in a goal by captain Linda Caicedo.

Despite Tanzania playing 4-1-4-1, it could not stop its opposition from inflicting further blows when the second goal came 13 minutes later. Cristina Motta's cross from the left was headed in by Yesica Munoz. Colombia piled more misery on Tanzania with a spot-kick in the 36th minute.

In the other quarterfinal, two late goals by Vicky Lopez of Spain spoiled Japan's party. Momoko Tanikawa's stunning goal put Japan ahead in the 66th minute. However, defending champion Spain kept attacking and was rewarded in the 87th minute when Lopez, after a melee in the penalty box, found the target. Lopez exploited Japan's tired legs, outpacing them and scoring in the second-half injury time.

The results (quarterfinals): Colombia 3 (Caicedo 3, Munoz 16, Rodriguez 36) bt Tanzania 0.

Japan 1 (Tanikawa 66) lost to Spain 2 (Lopez 87, 90+3).

India eases past Malaysia in Sultan of Johor Cup

Press Trust of India
JOHOR

The Indian junior men's hockey team began its Sultan of Johor Cup campaign with a 5-2 thrashing of host Malaysia here on Saturday.

Amandeep (6), Araijeet Singh Hundal (10), Boby Singh Dhami (20), Sudeep Chirmako (26), and Sharda Nand Tiwari (56) scored for India.

Malaysia's goals came through Shahmie Irfan Suhaimi (13) and Muhammad Mamat (52).

India showed intent right from the start, with captain Uttam Singh pressing deep inside the circle in the first minute. Amandeep's reverse hit gave India the lead. Hundal deflected the ball home off a penalty corner attempt, putting India 2-0 ahead.

Malaysia's Suhaimi pulled one back with a couple of minutes left in the first quarter.

Boby restored India's two-goal advantage, weaving his way past the Malaysian defence and slamming home a reverse hit.

Sudeep widened the margin by finding the target off a counter-attack just before half-time.

Malaysia began to show some urgency with 15 minutes remaining on the clock in the second half.

Mamat even scored a late goal to give the team some hope, but Sharda Nand sealed the contest for India by scoring off a penalty corner.

India meets South Africa on Sunday.

Bharat helps Bulls stun U Mumba

Press Trust of India
BENGALURU

Bharat (16 points) scripted a remarkable turnaround for Bengaluru Bulls as it tamed U Mumba 42-32 in a Pro Kabaddi League match on Saturday. Bulls were trailing 11-24 at the end of the first half.

A clinical performance saw Jaipur Pink Panthers cruise past Telugu Titans 51-27 in the second match of the day.

Ogbeche's header powers Hyderabad past Bengaluru FC

ISL-9

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Bartholomew Obgbeche's 83rd-minute header powered Hyderabad FC to a 1-0 win over Bengaluru FC in the Indian Super League at the GMC Balayogi Stadium here on Saturday.

This was Hyderabad's second win from three games. It had drawn with Mumbai City FC in its first match.

A curling free-kick from substitute Borja Herrera saw BFC goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu palm the ball away, but Ogbeche showed good reflexes and presence of mind to head the ball into the goal. The strike sent the crowd of around 10,000 into a frenzy.

The match began on an even note before HFC slowly started pressing forward and creating chances. However, midfielder Halicharan Narzary missed the target from the top of the box. Javier Siverio Toro's left-footer then narrowly missed the target. The closest BFC came to scoring a goal was when striker Siva Sakthi dribbled his way down the right flank and got the better of the two defenders marking him closely. But his attempt from close range was off-target.

After the teams were locked goalless at half-time, HFC was the more dominant team, testing the rival defence manned by Sandesh Jhingan, Aleksandar Jovanovic and Alan Costa.

For most of the second period, BFC focused on defending its citadel.

Even captain Sunil Chhetri, who became the first player in the ISL to figure in 100 matches for a single club, did not get too much freedom.

The results:

At Hyderabad: Hyderabad FC 1 (Ogbeche 83) bt Bengaluru FC 0.

At Mumbai: Mumbai City FC 1 (Chhangte 8) drew with Jamshedpur FC 1 (Chukwu 12).

On the prowl: Ogbeche ran the BFC defence ragged and eventually scored off a header. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

CLINICAL

It was one of those days, an outstanding day: Williamson

Kane Williamson, on Saturday, said a "clinical" approach helped New Zealand register its first win in white-ball cricket in 12 years against Australia in its own backyard in Sydney. The captain lauded his batting line-up for putting up a mammoth score. "It was one of those days, an outstanding day," Williamson said after the match.

GAME-CHANGER

Conway all praise for Finn, says he's young, explosive and fearless

Devon Conway, the star of New Zealand's crushing win over Australia, was all praise for partner Finn Allen. "Credit to Finn how he started, he got the momentum going. Quite a young guy in his career, but he's explosive and fearless," said Conway about the 23-year-old opener.

ON THE MARK

Wood can create catches and has been a great asset: Buttler

England skipper and wicketkeeper Jos Buttler said Mark Wood was always fun to keep wicket to. "He's someone who can create catches. He's very vital. He's been backing up games and has been a great asset. It felt like the ball swung early and helped us," said Buttler.

INTROSPECTION

CWI chief promises 'thorough post-mortem' of Windies' exit

Cricket West Indies (CWI) president Ricky Skerritt has slammed batters for their "untimely shot selection" and promised a "thorough post-mortem" of the team's humiliating early exit from the T20 World Cup in Australia. The two-time champion was eliminated after a shock nine-wicket loss to Ireland in a first round group match.

India jousts Pakistan first up in its quest to correct a historical vacuum

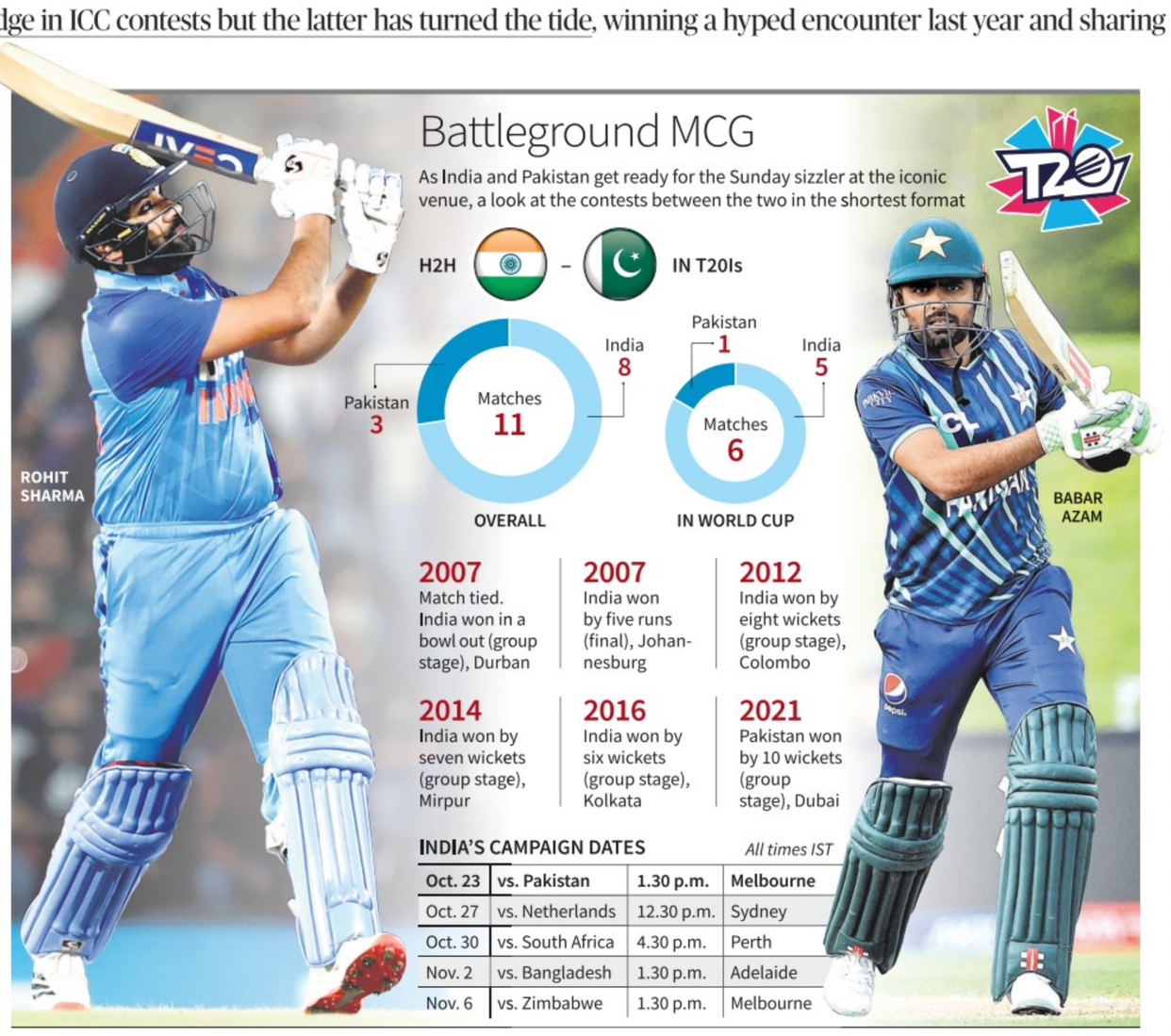
Former has an overall edge in ICC contests but the latter has turned the tide, winning a hyped encounter last year and sharing honours in Asia Cup

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

A grey shroud moved across the wet skies and as Melbourne stirred awake, some citizens were out running, a few walked their dogs, birds sought worms in damp parks, and at a church, full granite and grace, a couple got married. Just as trams did their Saturday runs, the sun peeped out and it was time for cricket.

If there is an ICC T20 World Cup match in town, the city didn't offer any clue. Past the Yarra River and the Rod Laver Tennis Arena which will witness a post-Roger Federer-Serena Williams era Australian Open in January, drums could be heard. Soon the Melbourne Cricket Ground, with its history and the statues of Dennis Lillee and Shane Warne, loomed, and Indian fans were milling around.


Battleground MCG
As India and Pakistan get ready for the Sunday sizzler at the iconic venue, a look at the contests between the two in the shortest format
H2H
IN T20Is
Pakistan 3
Matches 11
India 8
OVERALL
Pakistan 1
Matches 6
India 5
IN WORLD CUP
ROHIT SHARMA
BABAR AZAM
2007
Match tied. India won in a bowl out (group stage), Durban
2007
India won by five runs (final), Johannesburg
2012
India won by eight wickets (group stage), Colombo
2014
India won by seven wickets (group stage), Mirpur
2016
India won by six wickets (group stage), Kolkata
2021
Pakistan won by 10 wickets (group stage), Dubai
INDIA'S CAMPAIGN DATES
All times IST
Oct. 23 vs. Pakistan 1.30 p.m. Melbourne
Oct. 27 vs. Netherlands 12.30 p.m. Sydney
Oct. 30 vs. South Africa 4.30 p.m. Perth
Nov. 2 vs. Bangladesh 1.30 p.m. Adelaide
Nov. 6 vs. Zimbabwe 1.30 p.m. Melbourne

Stage is set

Finally, there was a buzz as the stage is set for Sunday's contest between India and Pakistan. Split by the Radcliffe Line and hamstrung by the absence of bilateral fixtures, the sub-continental neighbours have found their cricketing jousts being restricted to ICC events or continental tournaments like the Asia Cup. Over the last year, the rivals have faced-off thrice – once during the 2021 T20 World Cup and twice in the recent Asia Cup.

India may have an overall edge in ICC contests, but Pakistan has slowly turned the tide, winning a hyped encounter last year and equally will take heart from the 1-1 result in the recent Asia Cup. Rohit Sharma leads a team that should correct a historical vacuum: India last won an ICC tournament – the Champions Trophy – in 2013.

The Men in Blue step in without two stars – Jasprit Bumrah and Ravindra Jadeja. Even if the injured duo will be missed, the squad has the past to lean on for the feel-good vibe. Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sourav Ganguly skipped the inaugural 2007 edition and M.S. Dhoni led a young team to a cup-triumph. Even this current outfit has many players who, in Test whites, have humbled the Aussies in their backyard.

Rohit, K.L. Rahul and Virat Kohli lead the batting charts that draws its X-factor from Suryakumar Yadav. Against an incisive Pakistan attack, further strengthened by the return of pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi with his left-arm angle, India has to bat deep.

The likes of Hardik Pandya and Dinesh Karthik have a task on hand even while the option to field Rishabh Pant, due to his success in Australian conditions, is a lingering temptation. If Mohammed Shami plays, he has to fill Bumrah's shoes and mask Bhuvneshwar Kumar's rustiness. The spinners have a challenge, but vast grounds offer protection, provided the fielding delivers.

The regular trope from the days of Sunil Gavaskar and Imran Khan has been about Indian batting and Pakistani bowling.

It may be true but the manner in which the Indian attack can control Pakistan skipper Babar Azam, Mohammad Rizwan and the rest, will add a further critical thread.

The whimsical Melbourne weather may queer the pitch, while Sunday will empty out streets from Rawalpindi to Rameswaram.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Deepak Hooda, R. Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Harshal Patel and Arshdeep Singh.

Pakistan: Babar Azam (Capt.), Shadab Khan (Vice-capt.), Asif Ali, Fakhar Zaman, Haider Ali, Haris Rauf, Iftikhar Ahmed, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Hasnain, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Rizwan (wk), Mohammad Wasim, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Shan Masood.

Match officials: Umpires: Marais Erasmus and Rod Tucker; **TV umpire:** Richard Kettleborough; **Match referee:** Ranjan Madugalle.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m. IST.

Rohit prefers to use the word 'challenge'

Raring to go: We are very well prepared, says Rohit. AFP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

Rohit Sharma shuffled in, leaned towards the microphones and quipped: "nervous". It was an aside, perhaps a query to the sports correspondents and above all an ice-breaker. The scribes laughed and as a Saturday morning moved from dark clouds to glorious sun that lit up the Melbourne Cricket Ground, a calm Rohit answered every query and smiled at times.

On the eve of the ICC T20 World Cup clash against Pakistan, the Indian skipper stressed that his men are ready: "We addressed what went wrong for us in the last (T20) World Cup. Coming to this World Cup, we are very well prepared. No team will be 100% right but we want to do as many things as possible right."

With Mohammed Shami replacing an injured Jasprit Bumrah, Rohit praised the former: "When Bumrah got injured, we wanted to have someone experienced and Shami was the right choice. He got Covid back home but with the kind of experience he has, he will not be short of match practice."

> Fakhar Zaman will take a couple of games to recover. He is not available
>
> **BABAR AZAM**
> Pakistan captain

Speaking about Pakistan, Rohit refused to score any brownie points: "I don't want to use the word 'pressure', I want to use that word 'challenge'. This Pakistani team is a very challenging team. All the Pakistani teams that I have played from 2007 until 2022, have been good. It's just that I believe on that particular day, if you are good enough, you will beat any opposition."

The captain was pleased about reaching Australia early: "We made a conscious decision of going to Australia a little earlier. We had a great time in Perth and then we came to Brisbane. We played a couple of practice games just to get used to the conditions." And as for the fickle Melbourne weather, Rohit hoped to have a "40-over game".

'Let's focus on WC, not Asia Cup issue'

Sports Bureau
MELBOURNE

Just as India and Pakistan geared up for Sunday's ICC T20 World Cup match here at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the off-field noise has been further amplified by discussions over next year's Asia Cup.

It was no surprise that during Saturday's press conference, the issue was raised with Indian skipper Rohit Sharma.

The backdrop to this were the statements from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah, who is also the Asian Cricket Council president.

Shah had emphasised that the continental tournament would be held at a neutral venue and it drew a sharp response from the Pakistan Cricket Board.

Subsequently, the BCCI president Roger Binny reiterated that touring Pakistan is a call that would be taken by the government.

When specifically asked about these conversations over the last few days, Rohit offered a straight bat and stressed on living in the present.

Pressed for a reply, he said: "My take is let's focus on this World Cup because this is important for us. We are not worried about what is going to happen later.

"There's no point in thinking about it. The BCCI will make the decisions on that. "We are focused on how we need to be very well prepared for tomorrow's [Sunday] game."

Also on Sunday

Sri Lanka vs. Ireland

Hobart, **9.30 a.m.** IST

H2H IN T20Is

Played **2**

Sri Lanka **2** | Ireland **0**

Conway, Allen show the way as Kiwis crush Aussies

Shayan Acharya
SYDNEY

Devon Conway has a bit of an idea about what it takes to break into the record books. Last year, the New Zealand opener smashed a double century on his Test debut against England and reached several milestones on the way.

At the SCG on Saturday, the 31-year-old was once again part of history as his unbeaten 92 off 58 deliveries (7x4, 2x6) set up New Zealand's 89-run win over Australia in the opening Super 12 fixture of the T20 World Cup.

Conway and Finn Allen (42, 16b, 5x4, 3x6) were the two architects of Blacks Caps' first triumph against the Kangaroos in Australia in 11 years.

New Zealand was asked to bat first against a star-studded Aussie pace battery. Allen found the boundary off Mitchell Starc's second ball and followed it up with a six and a four.

Lynchpin: Devon Conway constructed his innings well to set up a historic win for New Zealand. GETTY IMAGES

The young gun helped New Zealand cruise to 50 in just 3.5 overs. Hazlewood found the breakthrough – a yorker rattling Allen's stumps – with the first ball of the fifth over.

It was left to Conway to up the ante with Jimmy Neesham (26 no., 13b, 2x6) – the duo took the team to 200 for three.

Australia failed to find its rhythm in the chase and was bowled out for 111 in 18 overs with just Glenn Maxwell and Pat Cummins crossing the 20-run mark.

The scores: New Zealand 200/3 in 20 overs (Finn Allen 42, Devon Conway 92 n.o., James Neesham 26 n.o., Josh Hazlewood 2/41) bt Australia 111 in 17.1 overs (Glenn Maxwell 28, Trent Boult 2/24, Tim Southee 3/6, Mitchell Santner 3/31); **MoM:** Conway.

Curran's five-for helps England beat Afghanistan

Reuters
PERTH

England began its campaign with a five-wicket win over Afghanistan on Saturday courtesy of seamer Sam Curran's haul of five for 10 and a sublime effort in the field.

Afghanistan crumbled to 112 all out in 19.4 overs after being sent in to bat. Ibrahim Zadran (32) and Usman Ghani (30) provided the only resistance before falling to Curran, who claimed his career-best figures in 3.4 overs.

England chased down the modest target with 11 balls to spare, reaching 113 for five and maintaining its unblemished record at Perth Stadium after three visits.

In what was a sedate PowerPlay of 35 for one for Afghanistan, opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz was the first to depart, caught behind for 10 during a fiery opening spell by Mark Wood (two for 23) who clocked speeds reaching 154 kph.

Pulling strings: Curran swung the game England's way with a decisive spell. GETTY IMAGES

England's bowlers continued to cramp the batsmen during the middle overs, aided by spectacular fielding by Liam Livingstone and Adil Rashid who held on to running catches off Ben Stokes to send Hazrat Zazai and Najibullah Zadran on their way.

In England's response, Alex Hales (19) was dropped twice before Fazalhaq Farooqi stuck. Nabi held a diving catch at cover to see off Dawid Malan (18) and although wickets fell regularly as England batted conservatively, they never found themselves in any real danger. Livingstone top-scored with an unbeaten 29 from 21 balls.

The scores: Afghanistan 112 in 19.4 overs (Ibrahim Zadran 32, Usman Ghani 30, Ben Stokes 2/19, Wood 2/23, Curran 5/10) lost to England 113 for five in 18.1 overs (Liam Livingstone 29 n.o.). **MoM:** Curran.

INBRIEF

FIFA suspends Orlando Galo over doping charges

Four weeks before the World Cup, Costa Rica defender Orlando Galo has been suspended by FIFA after testing positive for an anabolic steroid and is set to miss the tournament. FIFA said on Saturday that Galo "has been provisionally suspended." FIFA gave no timetable to prosecute the disciplinary case with the 22-year-old Galo facing a ban of up to four years.

Lakshya loses in last eight of Denmark Open badminton

Commonwealth Games champion Lakshya Sen suffered a 17-21, 12-21 loss to Japan's Kodai Naraoka in the men's singles quarterfinals at the Denmark Open Super 750 tournament in Odense. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty had bowed out of men's doubles on Friday after a 16-21, 19-21 defeat against fourth-seeded Malaysian duo of Aaron Chia and Wooi Yik Soh.

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 World Cup: (Super-12s), Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

BWF Denmark Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.30 p.m. onwards

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 & 9.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 9 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 3 & SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Monday)

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 12.15 a.m. (Monday)

Formula 1: United States GP: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.30 a.m. (Monday)

Karnataka coasts into the quarterfinals

Its facile win helps Kerala too make the grade; Haryana and Services also finish with 20 points each, but miss out on net run rate

Guiding hand: Manish Pandey's unbeaten 64 off 47 balls was instrumental in Karnataka's facile win.
FILE PHOTO: G.P. SAMPATH KUMAR

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MOHALI

Karnataka scored a five-wicket win against Haryana in its last Group C match at the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament here on Saturday and that proved beneficial for Kerala as well.

The victory not merely took Karnataka to top of Group C, and thus giving it a quarterfinal berth, but it helped Kerala finish second in the group, by virtue of which it qualified for the pre-quarterfinals.

Kerala, Haryana and Services finished with 20 points each, four behind Karnataka. In a three-way tie, it was the net run-rate that determined the rankings in the group.

Kerala, expectedly, had it easy against Meghalaya, winning by five wickets with 7.4 overs to spare.

Meghayala had limped to 100 for eight, with none of its batters going past 20. Spinners Vaisakh Chandran and S. Midhun took two wickets each.

Opener Vishnu Vinod (27, 12b) and Sachin Baby (28, 24b) were the main scorers in Kerala's chase.

Pandey, Gowtham shine

Karnataka's chase was led by Manish Pandey, who made an unbeaten 64 off 47 balls (3x4, 5x6). The former champion romped home with 2.4 overs remaining.

Earlier, Haryana could only manage 125 for nine, as it struggled against another fine show by the Karnataka bowlers. Off-spinner K. Gowtham shone for the second game in a row, taking three for 17 from four overs.

There were a couple of wickets each for seamers Vidhwath Kaverappa and Vyshak Vijaykumar.

Services was able to take its tally to 20 points after beating Jammu & Kashmir by three wickets, with four balls remaining. That wasn't enough to overtake Kerala in net run-rate.

Services, in fact, finished fourth in the table, behind Haryana.

The knockout stage will begin at Kolkata on Oct. 30. The semifinals will be played on Nov. 3 and the final on Nov. 5.

SATURDAY'S SCORES AND POINTS TABLE

Group A: Rajasthan 183/3 in 20 overs (Abhijeet Tomar 84 n.o., Kunal Singh Ajay Rathore 46) bt Mizoram 110/7 in 20 overs (Taruwar Kohli 63).
Madhya Pradesh 192/4 in 20 overs (Ashwin Das 68 n.o., Shubham Sharma 56, Rajat Patidar 52) lost to Assam 194/5 in 19.1 overs (Riyan Parag 75, Nipan Deka 42, Rahul Hazarika 39).
Mumbai 174/5 in 20 overs (Ajinkya Rahane 34, Yashasvi Jaiswal 45) bt Uttarakhand 172/9 in 20 overs (Avneesh Sudha 96).
Railways 150/5 in 20 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 84 n.o.) lost to Vidarbha 153/4 in 18.2 overs (Atharva Taide 31, Apoor Wankhade 71 n.o., Shubham Badriprasad Dubey 38).
Points (read as played, won, lost, no result, net run rate, points): *Mumbai: 7, 6, 1, 0, 1.448, 24 pts; Vidarbha: 7, 5, 2, 0, 0.829, 20; Uttarakhand: 7, 4, 3, 0, 1.272, 16; Assam: 7, 4, 3, 0, 0, -0.010, 16; Railways: 7, 3, 4, 0, 0.257, 12; Rajasthan: 7, 3, 4, 0, 0.179, 12; Madhya Pradesh: 7, 3, 4, 0, 0.113, 12; Mizoram: 7, 0, 7, 0, -4.139, 0.*
Group B: Manipur 117 in 19.5 overs (Langlonyamba Keishangbam 49, Elligaram Nagaraj Sanketh 3/19) lost to Hyderabad 120/0 in 14.3 overs (Rahul Buddhi 72 n.o., Alankrit Agarwal 44 n.o.).
Uttar Pradesh 147/7 in 20 overs (Rinku Singh 79, Baltej Singh 3/26) lost to Punjab 148/1 in 15.1 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 80 n.o., Shubham Gill 57 n.o.).
Pondicherry 88 in 18 overs (Akash Anand Kargave 35, Amit Yadav 4/12) lost to Goa 89/4 in 12.4 overs (Ishaan Gadekar 45).
Tripura 134 in 19.4 overs (Lalit Yadav 3/15, Mayank Yadav 3/20, Nitish Rana 3/30) lost to Delhi 139/4 in 17.1 overs (Nitish Rana 61, Yash Dhull 33).
Punjab: 7, 6, 1, 0, 2.838, 24; Delhi: 7, 6, 1, 0, 1.187, 24; Uttar Pradesh: 7, 4, 3, 0, 0.546, 16; Goa: 7, 4, 3, 0, 0.061, 16; Hyderabad: 7, 4, 3, 0, 0.167, 16; Tripura: 7, 3, 4, 0, 0.087, 12; Manipur: 7, 1, 6, 0, -2.872, 4pts; Pondicherry: 7, 0, 7, 0, -1.524, 0 pts.
Group C: Maharashtra 162/5 in 20 overs (Kaushal Tambe 62 n.o., Rahul Tripathi 48) bt Arunachal Pradesh 99/9 in 20 overs (Satyajeet Bachhav 3/25).
Haryana 125/9 in 20 overs (Vyshak Vijay Kumar 3/17) lost to Karnataka 129/5 in 17.2 overs (Manish Pandey 64 n.o.).
Meghalaya 100/8 in 20 overs lost to Kerala 101/5 in 12.2 overs (Chengkam Sangma 3/19).
Jammu & Kashmir 149/6 in 20 overs (Shubham Kajuria 38, Vivrant Sharma 50, Shubham Singh Pundir 30, Parth Rekhade 3/31) lost to Services 152/7 in 19.2 overs (Rahul Singh Gahlaut 47, Amit Pachhara 47 n.o., Auqib Nabi 3/21).
Karnataka: 7, 6, 1, 0, -2.216, 24; Kerala: 7, 5, 2, 0, 1.402, 20; Haryana: 7, 5, 2, 0, 1.214, 20; Services: 7, 5, 2, 0, 0.789, 20; Maharashtra: 7, 4, 3, 0, 0.515, 16; Meghalaya: 7, 2, 5, 0, -1.846, 8; J & K: 7, 1, 6, 0, 0.329, 4; Arunachal Pradesh: 7, 0, 7, 0, -5.217, 0.
Group D: Nagaland 86/8 in 20 overs (K.D. Singh 3/13) lost to Himachal Pradesh 88/1 in 9 overs (Ekant Sen 31 n.o.).
Baroda 161/6 in 20 overs (Ninad Rathva 42, Mitesh Patel 35) bt Andhra 150/6 in 20 overs (Karan Shinde 42 n.o, Ricky Bhui 37).
Bihar 161/7 in 20 overs (Babul Kumar 32, Yashavi Rishav 35, Mangal Mahrour 51 n.o.) lost to Gujarat 165/6 in 14 overs (Urvil Patel 84, Sakib Hussain 4/20).
Himachal Pradesh: 6, 4, 0, 2, 2.053, 20; Gujarat: 6, 4, 1, 1, 1.673, 18; Saurashtra: 6, 4, 1, 1, 1.568, 18; Baroda: 6, 3, 3, 0, 0.515, 12; Andhra: 6, 2, 2, 2, -0.133, 12; Bihar: 6, 1, 5, 0, -1.480, 4; Nagaland: 6, 0, 6, 0, -3.108, 0.
Group E: Chhattisgarh 167/7 in 20 overs (Amandeep Khare 57, Harpreet Singh Bhatia 47) bt Odisha 80 in 17.3 overs (Sumit Ruikar 3/22).
Sikkim 58 in 17 overs lost to Jharkhand 61/0 in 6 overs (Nazim Siddiqui 40 n.o.).
Bengal 135/8 in 20 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 46, Jagjit Singh Sandhu 3/28) lost to Chandigarh 138/2 in 17.1 overs (Ankit Kaushik 57 n.o., Bhagmender Lather 32 n.o.).
Bengal: 6, 4, 1, 1, 2.043, 18; Chhattisgarh: 6, 4, 1, 1, 1.600, 18; Tamil Nadu: 6, 4, 2, 0, 0.863, 16; Jharkhand: 6, 2, 2, 2, 1.869, 12; Chandigarh: 6, 3, 3, 0, 0.282, 12; Odisha: 6, 2, 4, 0, -1.502, 8; Sikkim: 6, 0, 6, 0, -4.316, 0.
Provisional qualifiers: Mumbai, Vidarbha, Punjab, Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Saurashtra, Bengal Chhattisgarh, Haryana.

Bopanna and Middelkoop duo in final

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Rohan Bopanna and Matwe Middelkoop beat Sander Arends and David Pel 7-6(6), 2-6, [10-7] in the semifinals of the €725,540 ATP tennis tournament in Antwerp, Belgium.

The results: €725,540 ATP, Antwerp: Semifinals: Matwe Middelkoop (Ned) & Rohan Bopanna bt Sander Arends & David Pel (Ned) 7-6(6), 2-6, [10-7].
$159,360 Challenger, Busan: Semifinals: JiSung Nam & MinKyu Song (Ko) bt Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni 6-3, 6-1.
$53,120 Challenger, Ambato, Ecuador: Semifinals: Santiago Rodriguez Taverna & Thiago Agustin Tirante (Arg) bt Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 7-6(2), 6-4.
$60,000 ITF women, Saguenay, Canada: Quarterfinals: Karman Kaur Thandi bt Sarah Beth Grey (GBR) 6-2, 6-1.
$25,000 ITF men, Harlingen, USA: Quarterfinals): Kareem Al Allaf (Syr) & Ezekiel Clark (USA) bt Sathi Reddy Chirala & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-3, 6-3.

Karnataka women win

Shreyanka R. Patil (four for 18) and Shubha Satheesh (50 n.o.) helped Karnataka beat Himachal Pradesh by seven wickets in the BCCI Senior Women's T20 Trophy in Surat.

The scores: Himachal Pradesh 90 in 19.5 overs (Monika P. Devi 27, Sonal S. Thakur 27, Shreyanka R. Patil 4/18) lost to Karnataka 92/3 in 17.2 overs (Shubha Satheesh 50 n.o.).

Top Secret wins a close feature event

HYDERABAD: Trainer Magan Singh's Top Secret (D.S. Deora up) won in a tight finish the Smt. Teegala Sulochana Reddy Memorial Cup, the feature event of Saturday's (Oct. 22) races. The winner is owned by Col. K.S. Garcha (Rtd) rep. Jaipur Riding & Polo Club Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Rajeev Sharma.

1. ASMAN GARH PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **HUGH CAPET** (D.S. Deora) 1, Candy Girl (R.S. Jodha) 2, Malibu (B.R. Kumar) 3 and Vision Of Rose (Koushik) 4. 5-1/4, 2 and 1. 1m, 27.06s. ₹30 (w), 14, 16 and 20 (p). SHP: 53, THP: 65, SHW: 18 and 33 (p). FP: 144, Q: 71, Tanala: 766. Favourite: Starwalt. Owners: Mr. Subodh Kumar Ananthula. Trainer: Magan Singh.

2. BOLD VENTURE PLATE (1,100m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **BALLERINA** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Exotic Dancer (Aneel) 2, Blissful (R.S. Jodha) 3 and By The Bay (Kiran Naidu) 4. Not run: Sensation. 3/4, 3/4 and 3/4. 1m, 6.15s. ₹16 (w), 11, 27 and 15 (p). SHP: 77, THP: 34, SHW: 11 and 57, FP: 128, Q: 96, Tanala: 383. Favourite: Ballerina. Owner: United Racing And Bloodstock Breeders Limited. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju.

3. NEWMARKET PLATE (1,600m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **N R I SUN** (Antony Raj S) 1, Sun Dancer (Afroz Khan) 2, Makhtoob (B. Nikhil) 3 and Lamha (Akshay Kumar) 4. 3-1/4, Nk and 2. 1m, 40.00s. ₹24 (w), 12, 17 and 24 (p). SHP: 66, THP: 65, SHW: 20 and 31, FP: 154, Q: 77, Tanala: 1,065. Favourite: N R I Sun. Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: G. Shashikanth.

NOTE: Aerial Combat jumped out awkwardly soon after the start and dislodged the rider G. Naresh, who escaped unhurt.

4. BLUE MAX PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **CARLISLE** (Kuldeep Singh) 1, N R I Millennium (G. Naresh) 2, Sweet Dancer (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Dr Dee Dee (B.R. Kumar) 4. 2-3/4, Hd and Hd. 1m, 14.36s. ₹92 (w), 21, 24 and 16 (p). SHP: 107, THP: 55, SHW: 36 and 34, FP: 1,076, Q: 589, Tanala: 3,807. Favourite: Dr. Dee Dee.

Owners: Mr. Ayyadevara Srinivas & Mr. Bharat Venkat Epur. Trainer: L. D'Silva.

5. SMT. TEEGALA SULOCHANA REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (1,600m), rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II): **TOP SECRET** (D.S. Deora) 1, Ashwa Raudee (Kuldeep Singh) 2, Super Angel (Gaurav Singh) 3 and Kesariya Balam (Akshay Kumar) 4. Shd, Shd and 1-1/2. 1m, 40.65s. ₹61 (w), 10, 31 and 19 (p). SHP: 87, THP: 55, SHW: 26 and 47, FP: 763, Q: 240, Tanala: 2,469. Favourite: Kesariya Balam.

Owners: Col. K.S. Garcha (Rtd) rep. Jaipur Riding & Polo Club Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Rajeev Sharma. Trainer: Magan Singh.

6. SHAMSHABAD PLATE (1,200m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **MIND READER** (R.S. Jodha) 1, Flamingo Fame (Suraj Narredu) 2, Star Racer (Aneel) 3 and Hashtag (R. Gaurav Singh) 4. Not run: Rhythm Selection. 1-1/4, 1 and 4-1/4. 1m, 14.52s. ₹47 (w), 14, 12 and 34 (p). SHP: 27, THP: 109, SHW: 35 and 10, FP: 107, Q: 41, Tanala: 1,165. Favourite: Flamingo Fame.

Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹5,228 (49 tkts.) & 30%: 348 (315 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 100 (463 tkts.), (ii) 1,924 (21 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: 4,880 (7 tkts.).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Budding talent: Various winners at the State mini and sub-junior badminton championship.
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Double delight for Shaina, Unnathi and Gautham

Shaina Manimuthu, Unnathi Megur Naveen and Gautham S. Nair secured both the singles and doubles titles in their respective age categories at the State mini and sub-junior badminton championship which concluded here on Saturday.

The results (finals):

Boys: U-13: Sai Pushkar bt Dylan P. Thokchom 21-12, 21-17; **U-11:** Gautham S. Nair bt Aayush Mishra 21-13, 21-16;
Girls: U-13: Shaina Manimuthu bt Hithaishree Lokesh Rajaiah 21-17, 21-15; **U-11:** Unnathi Megur Naveen bt A.P. Neeharika 21-14, 21-16
Doubles: Boys: U-13: Karansh Naidu & Dylan P. Thokchom bt Sai Pushkar & C. Vihaan 21-11, 21-12; **U-11:** Gautham & Siddharth S. Nair bt Anand D. Vishal & B. Vishal Uthappa 21-15, 21-16;
Girls: U-13: Shaina & Aikya Shetty bt Nidhi Atmaram & Disha Ravi Bhat, 21-13, 21-11; **U-11:** Unnathi & Adithi Sushanth bt T.R. Siri & S. Smriti 21-14, 22-20.

BUC's inter-club trials

Bangalore United Cricket Club (BUC) will hold inter-club under-14 net trials on October 26 (8 a.m. onwards) at Webbs cricket ground, MG Road. Only those who are residents of Bengaluru for the past two years, and born between 1.9.2008 and 30.8.2010 are eligible. Email *bucc.bangalore@gmail.com* before 6 p.m. on October 24. No walk-ins allowed.

Amandeep snatches a one-shot lead

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GURUGRAM

Amandeep Drall's consistency was eventually rewarded when her six-foot birdie on the 18th hole gave her a one-shot lead following a flawless 5-under 67 in the third round of the $400,000 Hero Women's Indian Open golf tournament here on Saturday.

One among the four overnight leaders, Amandeep became the only golfer to reach 10-under, one ahead of Germany's Olivia Cowan.

Cowan produced the day's best 65 and shared the lead for a long time until Amandeep nosed ahead in style.

Leading scores (third round):
206: Amandeep Drall (67, 72, 67); **207:** Olivia Cowan (Ger) (71, 71, 65), Caroline Hedwall (Swe) (68, 71, 68); **210:** Aditi Ashok (70, 71, 69); **211:** Gaurika Bishnoi (71, 68, 72); **212:** Anna Pelaez Trivino (Esp) (69, 76, 67); Anais Meyssonnier (Fra) (66, 78, 68).

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